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Viscount's girlfriend dies as bomb blasts backpacker hotel

Weymouth: trapped in debris

BY ADRIAN LEE AND CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH, the son of the Marquess of Bath and heir to the Longleat estate, survived a bomb blast in Delhi which killed his girlfriend, best friend, and ten other people.

The viscount, 21, was pulled from beneath the debris of a guest house but suffered only cuts and bruises. But his girlfriend, Scarlett Kirby, 29, and best friend Crinan Wilde, 21, both believed to be from London, were killed in the blast at a guesthouse, popular with backpackers. Up to 30 others, including another three Britons, were injured in the blast on Saturday. Last night two separatist groups opposed to Indian elections, due to start next week, claimed responsibility for the bombing.

The Marquess, whose ancestral seat is Longleat, near Warminster, Wiltshire, spoke yesterday of his "huge relief" at his son's good fortune and his sadness for the victims. His son, born Caewlin Thynn, is heir to a £150 million fortune. "He has certainly been most lucky in escaping injury or worse. He was buried in the explosion but I have spoken to him and he is all right. He has got cuts but no broken bones. He sounded his normal self but that was before he knew about the others.

"One feels tremendous sympathy for their families and I cannot really say any more. They were all great friends and very fond of one another. Scarlett was a charming girl who would have gone far in life. I am totally devastated by this."

The Marquess said, at first, his son believed Miss Kirby had survived the huge explosion. "When I first spoke to him he thought she was alive. He thought he had heard her voice after the explosion."

He said his son was "enormously attached" to Miss Kirby, his girlfriend of about a year. "He is now deeply shocked at the loss of dear friends. This has been a real calamity for him. I am hoping to get him back here as soon as possible." The Viscount's sister, Lenka, is flying to India.

The young heir, once expelled from school for smoking cannabis, was in India founding a ski resort in Manali, in the Himalayas, and regularly visits Delhi. Miss Kirby, who formerly worked for a cosmetics company, was promoting the new venture and Mr Wilde was a business partner as well as a close family friend. Two flatmates, Andy Byfield and Cathi Soanes, were among the survivors and a Briton escaped because he went out for a drink minutes before the blast.

The bomb, said by police to have contained between 45 and 65lb of explosives, demolished the 25-room Arjun guesthouse in the Paharganj area of Delhi. Police said they were questioning an Iranian who was among the injured in hospital.

Bare-handed rescue, page 3

Shadow Cabinet warning

Prescott tells Short to toe line or resign

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLTICAL CORRESPONDENT

CLARE SHORT was publicly warned by John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, to accept collective responsibility or resign from the Shadow Cabinet, as a further row broke out over the party's tax plans.

But within minutes of criticising his colleague, Mr Prescott appeared to make a similar gaffe on tax which was gleefully seized on by the Tories who claimed that it showed Labour would hit middle income earners.

Last week Ms Short, the Shadow Transport Secretary, angered the Labour leadership by suggesting that people like herself, who is on an MPs salary of £34,850, should pay more tax. Ms Short immediately accused her critics of stifling debate.

Yesterday Mr Prescott said that if Ms Short was not prepared to accept the constraints of collective responsibility she should consider her position.

"You must make a judgment but when you make a judgment to stay on the front bench you are under a certain amount of constraint," he said. "You come to a collective agreement about something and you have a responsibility to observe it. If you don't then you can clearly leave it because, after all, each one of us in the Shadow Cabinet stands for election."

However Mr Prescott then conceded that Labour's aim to achieve fairer taxation meant that some people would pay less but others would pay a lot more. While he made clear that Labour had no intention of hitting the middle classes who had suffered under Tory tax rises, he suggested that the wealthy would pay more.

Mr Prescott tried to keep to the party line that the Labour leadership would spell out its tax rates nearer the next general election. He refused to answer questions on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* about specific tax bands, merely saying Labour would have a "fair tax system". However when asked by Sir David Frost if a fair tax system meant "some people would pay less and quite a lot of people would pay more tax", Mr Prescott said: "That seems to be a reasonable interpretation about a fairer tax system but the appropriate rates are the ones that people are concerned about."

> **"Of course there are some very rich entrepreneurs, but what's wrong with that?"**
> — *Peter Mandelson, page 46*

He went on to argue he did not want to "add to the unfair burden of the massive tax increases that the Government had imposed, particularly on the middle income earnings."

His comments highlighted the tension among the Labour leadership over whether the party should impose a new top rate of tax for high earners. Senior Labour sources said Mr Prescott's remarks were entirely in line with the leadership and did not refer to higher income tax rates. They argued that the party intended to close tax loopholes for the rich and impose a windfall tax on privatised utilities.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, said that Mr Prescott's remarks were proof that Labour would penalise middle class voters.

"Clare Short told us she wanted to pay more tax. John Prescott says that it is not just Clare Short but 'a lot of people' who will pay more," he said.

Tony Blair's attempts to reassure the voters that he had no plans to penalise middle class voters were further undermined yesterday by a poll of 80 backbenchers showing considerable support for higher taxes for middle income earners.

The poll, carried out by *The Sunday Times*, showed that 38 MPs wanted the top rate of income tax raised from 40 per cent to 50 per cent, while two opted for 60 per cent. That compared with 26 who wanted no change. Twenty-six said a 50 per cent rate should start to bite at £40,000-a-year, while 23 wanted it to come in at £50,000 and 16 at £60,000. Only one said a 50 per cent rate should start at £100,000.

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, claimed the survey showed Labour remained the party of high taxation.

Lamont backs Goldsmith

BY JILL SHERMAN

A *DAMAGING* new split emerged in the Conservative Party last night after Sir James Goldsmith set out his terms for a referendum on Europe, insisting the people should decide whether they wanted to be governed by Brussels or Westminster.

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor immediately threw his weight behind the billionaire financier, whose Referendum Party is threatening to field more than 600 candidates at the next election.

John Redwood also broke ranks with the Tory leadership by calling for a wider referendum than one for a single currency, admitting Sir James's terms were "worth considering". Mr Redwood has already accepted an invitation to meet him to discuss the referendum.

Ministers are becoming increasingly nervous about Sir James's threat — backed by a £20 million fighting fund — to campaign in marginal seats at the next election.

The backing from two senior Tory rightwingers will further undermine party moral after more rumours that a disenchanted group of rightwing MPs still hope to mount a last-ditch leadership challenge to John Major.

Yesterday Sir James, who confirmed he would stand against David Mellor in Putney, tried to broaden his appeal among the Tory pary by presenting much wider terms for a referendum.

In the past he has called for one on the Maastricht treaty, which Mr Redwood dismissed as "a nonsense". But yesterday, on LWT's *Jonathan Dimbleby* programme, Sir James adopted more populist terms, saying: "The purpose of the referendum is absolutely simple. It is to have a referendum on who governs Britain — Westminster or Brussels. This is the biggest single decision a nation can make. Should it survive as a nation or should it be fused with 24 other nations into a Superstate?"

Asked what the Government would have to do to

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SIMON WALKER

The Queen responds jubilantly to crowds at Sandringham who greeted her with a chorus of *Happy Birthday*

Queen enjoys a birthday takeaway

BY ALAN HAMILTON

FOR all the Queen's efforts to keep the occasion within the bosom of her family, her 70th birthday yesterday became something of a public event.

More than 1,000 well wishers feted her with spring flowers and birthday cakes as she emerged from morning service at Sandringham, where the crowd slipped into a chorus of *Happy Birthday*.

Tributes from all quarters were paid to the Queen, praising her 44 years on the throne as an outstanding constitutional monarch who has rarely put a foot wrong.

Less happily, some Sunday newspapers which now toe a republican line marked the anniversary by blaming the Queen for bringing her recent family troubles on her own head; and a private dinner last night for 14 close family and friends was switched to Frogmore House in Windsor Great Park after a newspaper disclosed the original location as *Michel Roux's Waterside Inn near Windsor. Not to be* beaten, M Roux took his planned dinner to the Royal party, rather than the other other way round.

The Queen, who had spent a quiet weekend at Wood

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On the road to Damascus

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, returned to *Damascus for talks with* President Asad of Syria, after announcing that he was confident of bringing a halt to the Israel-Hezbollah fighting. After meeting Shimon Peres, the Israeli prime minister, Mr Christopher said that the negotiations were going to be "very difficult" .... Page 9

'Christopher Robin' dies

The original Christopher Robin, sayer of prayers and "whisper who dares" and best friend of Winnie-the-Pooh, the bear of very little brain, has died at the age of 75. Christopher Robin Milne, was the son of A A Milne.

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Angels for sale

Exquisitely carved cherubs and angels from a magnificent 19th-century altarpiece at St Paul's Cathedral will be sold abroad unless £740,000 can be raised. They are among 17 marble sculptures that survived from the reredos designed in the 1880s.. Page 5

McColgan wins the hottest marathon

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

LIZ McCOLGAN, one of the most dedicated runners in international sport, revelled in the hottest conditions of the year yesterday when she returned from injury to win the London Marathon women's race.

As many in the record field of 27,000 runners suffered in the unexpected sunshine, the Briton strode down the Mall on the Queen's 70th birthday to become one of the favourites for the Olympic title.

The temperature of 70 degrees, the highest in the event's 16 years, brought out hundreds of thousands of spectators.

After winning the race for the first time, McColgan, 31, who once competed with a broken kneecap and trained only a week after giving birth, was embraced by her husband Peter, an international steeplechaser. They then phoned their 5-year-old daughter Eilish at their Dundee home.

She said: "I am the sort of runner who competes well in the heat." Her victory in 2 hours 27 minutes 54 seconds earned her about £150,000.

McColgan, who in 1991 won the world 10,000 metres title and New York Marathon, subsequently suffered knee and back injuries and was told by a specialist that she would never run again.

For the third successive year, Dionisio Cerón of Mexico, won the men's race, in 2 hours, 10 minutes. Vincent Rousseau of Belgium was second and Paul Evans of Britain, third.

Behind them came thousands of club athletes and runners raising an estimated £6 million for charities. They included people dressed as fairies, Noddy, Minnie Mouse, and the Queen. One had a placard saying: "Never Again". The last finisher was Nancy Neale, 35, in 8 hours, 38 minutes, 40 seconds.

☐ Norfolk was the warmest county in Britain yesterday with 73F (23C) recorded in Marham. That made it warmer than Barcelona (72F), Beirut (66F) and Bermuda (68F).

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Tory threatens to force by-election if deselected

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

A LEADING Tory right-winger has threatened to force a by-election, which could wipe out the Government's majority of one, if he is deselected by his constituency party next month.

Sir George Gardiner, former chairman of the right-wing 92 Group, faces *deselection in his Reigate seat* after local activists claimed he "acted against the interests of the Government".

Local Tories are evenly split over whether they would support Sir George in in a deselection battle after his controversial backing of John Redwood in the Tory leadership contest last summer. A survey by local Tories shows 51 per cent would support Sir George and 49 per cent would not. Yesterday Sir George said there was a "death wish" in his constituency in wanting to expose divisions and old wounds, particularly over Europe.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*, Sir George insisted that he had never deliberately tried to *cause trouble. "I have never* acted against the interests of my party. I have always spoken for the grassroots about my party and I continue to do so," he said.

Sir George, who has one of the safest seats in the country with a 17,000 majority, said it was highly unlikely that he would be deselected but he left open the possibility that he would resign and force a by-election if that happened. "That is a hypothetical situation. I believe that I have the support of the majority of active workers," he said.

"If it were to be shown that I did not, and that they had lost all confidence in me, then I would obviously have to consider my position but I have not gone further than that."

Tony Collinson, chairman of a local branch recently merged with the consituency, said there was significant concern. "I think quite a few people are unhappy; I mean I know a lot of people who actually think Sir George Gardiner has acted against the interests of the Government," Mr Collinson said.

"I think a lot of people feel you shouldn't rock the boat, particularly when the position is as it is at the moment." John Chiles, a veteran Tory member of Reigate and Banstead Council, said Sir George tended to follow his own mind on matters rather than take the advice of the wishes of the people he represented.

"The support for Sir George is possibly equal to those who *might* wish to see another person selected," Mr Chiles said. "There is a feeling that we've been let down. Some people definitely would like to see a new MP."

Even Major-General Michael Steele, Sir George's constituency party chairman, conceded Reigate might look to a new MP. "There is some dissent but the system that we have of 'first past the post' on re-adoption means, as far as I am concerned, that once the adoption issue is out of the way, then the association will settle down and work together to get George re-elected — or to get our MP re-elected — with as good a majority as he's got at the moment."

Gardiner: never tried to cause trouble

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Tories split over Goldsmith referendum plan

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prevent his party challenging MPs, Mr Goldsmith said: "If they are willing to give a real referendum … on a question which answers the fundamental point — Who governs Britain — then we would dissolve."

Mr Lamont, who has called for a wider plebescite than a single currency, last night gave a clear endorsement to Sir James. "These are real questions. They cannot be ignored and I very much doubt if Sir James will go away."

Mr Redwood said Sir James's terms were "worth considering". The defeated party leadership challenger has proposed a referendum on whether Britain should remain within a common market or move on to a European superstate.

Last night he conceded this was a similar position to Sir James's but emphasised he wanted to know what the financier envisaged happening if the people voted that Westminster rather than Brussels should govern. "This could be taken as an advisory referendum which would strengthen the Government's hand during present negotations at the inter governmental conference on Europe," said Mr Redwood. "It would mean that the Government could *not* go ahead with a single currency or further steps towards European integration."

Sir James yesterday received support from an influential senior Tory, the former party treasurer Lord McAlpine, who confirmed, on Sky News's *Sunday* programme, that he would consider voting for the Referendum Party if it did mount a challenge.

However, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, was adamant that *the Government would give Sir James* no more ground.

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MPs' pay expected to rise 30% to £45,000

By Jill Sherman

MPS are expecting a 30 per cent rise in their basic salaries to at least £45,000 a year to be agreed this summer. They will have extra allowances for office costs and secretarial staff.

The Senior Salaries Review Body will not make its final recommendations until June, but Westminster sources predict that an MP's £34,480 salary will be brought more into line with civil service pay.

Senior Labour Party sources suggested last night that £45,000 was a "reasonable" figure for MPs, many of whom work more than 80 hours a week. But they pointed out that MPs were more concerned with having better resources, such as secretaries and office equipment.

At present MPs are entitled to one overall allowance of £42,754 to cover office costs, including research work. MPs with constituencies outside London are entitled to a further £11,267 for accommodation in the capital.

But many are now pressing for proper offices in their constituencies as well as at Westminster. They argue that *both offices should be manned* by a secretary and have a computer and a fax machine, apart from office equipment.

RAF uses war spirit to cut plane crashes

Wartime camaraderie between Battle of Britain fliers is to be instilled in their present-day counterparts to try to cut the growing number of crashes. Senior officers believe there is a lack of teamwork among air crews who rarely socialise.

Seven aircraft have crashed this year, at a cost of £100 million. Psychologists who interviewed survivors are thought to have noted a lack of teamwork which might have been a factor in some accidents. In the next 12 months, experts will visit every flying base at home and overseas to train up to 6,000 staff in "crew resource management", which has already been rehearsed at RAF Innsworth, Gloucestershire, the training command headquarters.

BSE linked to hay mite

The National Farmers' Union called for further study into a theory that hay mites may be spreading "mad cow" disease. Scientists say in *The Lancet* that they have evidence that hay mites may be one of the routes by which scrapie, closely related to BSE, passes between sheep. They speculate that the same may be true of BSE.

Adoption smokescreen

Smokers would be barred from adopting babies and young children under a policy to be considered by North Yorkshire. Couples who smoke could adopt children over two but would have to set up non-smoking areas in their homes. A spokesman said that the move reflected concern over the effects of smoking on young children.

Nurse recruitment falls

A slump in the number of nurses being trained is threatening patient care and could turn into a significant recruitment problem for the NHS, the Royal College of Nursing said yesterday. Official figures show that 9,000 nurses are expected to qualify next year. The figure is a third lower than the 14,000 who qualified last year.

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Barclays bomber increases expertise

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

ANTI-TERRORIST detectives intensified the hunt for the Mardi Gra bomber yesterday after an explosion near a branch of Barclays Bank left three Saturday afternoon shoppers with slight injuries.

Police fear the latest attack shows that the bomber is getting better at making devices. A Scotland Yard source said: "There is concern he is getting more determined. There is the greater potential for greater damage or injury."

In the past some attacks have caused small explosions. Other devices have been made without a vital part. Some have included all the parts but failed to explode because of technical mistakes.

The bomber sent a device in a package to another branch in the Ealing area at the start of his campaign. Other branches in west London have been prominent among his targets.

The device was made from shotgun cartridges, which the bomber has used before. Explosives experts are likely to *compare the debris to photo*graphs of a device the bomber sent to a national newspaper several weeks ago. The bomber claimed he was perfecting a new type of device, using shotgun parts, which he claimed was more powerful.

A six-man team in the Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch SO13, Special Branch officers and provincial police are all involved in a hunt for the bomber which began in December 1994.

Queen celebrates

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Farm on the Sandringham estate inspecting her stud, arrived for morning service at the Church of St Mary Magdelen, Sandringham, accompanied by the Princess Royal and watched by a large welcoming crowd, many of whom were sporting festive coloured balloons.

She was greeted at the church by Canon George Hall, rector of Sandringham, and Michael Oswald, manager of the Royal Studs, who shares her birthday.

In his sermon, relayed to the crowd outside, Canon Hall wished the Queen a happy birthday and said: "We give thanks for the years of steadfast devotion to duty and to the service of this country and the Commonwealth. We give thanks that she has shared with her subjects their grief in time of sorrow, as well as their joy in celebration."

As the Queen and her daughter emerged to the warm applause of the crowd, Canon Hall spoke of the current climate of divorce within the Royal Family with the Duke and Duchess of York being granted a decree nisi last week, and the Prince and Princess of Wales currently negotiating through their lawyers towards the same end.

"Only time will tell how deep is the damage. But meanwhile I am confident that *the monarchy will survive.* The Queen is absolutely wonderful," Canon Hall said. "Today we have seen how much people love her."

Later in the day the Queen travelled to Windsor, where she was reunited with the Duke of Edinburgh, who had spent the day attending a charity cricket match in aid of the National Playing Fields Association. The couple were then entertained to a private restaurant dinner — a rare treat for the Queen — organised by Prince Edward, who is reported to have charged the guests £100 a head to share his mother's celebration.

The most notable absentees were the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York, to whom invitations were not extended. The guests included Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, The Prince of Wales, Prince Edward and his long-standing companion Sophie Rhys-Jones, and Princess Alexandra with her husband Sir Angus Ogilvy.

The Queen was determined that her 70th birthday be a low key and private affair. The reason appears to be twofold: she felt a public celebration inappropriate while divorce was a major issue in the family, and she felt that, with wartime anniversary parties last year and the millennium less than four years away, with her own Golden Jubilee hard on its heels, celebration was in danger of moving into overdrive, if not overkill.

Nevertheless yesterday was in sharp contrast to the marking of past round numbers in the Queen's life. On her 50th birthday she hosted a grand ball at Windsor, at which such luminaries as Margaret Thatcher, Edward Heath and Harold Wilson danced the night away to the Joe Loss orchestra. On her 60th birthday, 6,000 school children serenaded her outside Buckingham Palace and presented her with hosts of golden daffodils.

This time, the only official acknowledgement will be today, when, as on all her birthdays she is accorded a 62 gun salute from the Tower of London and another 41 guns in Hyde Park.

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Bomb survivors dug out victims with their hands

By Adrian Lee

THE RESCUE

BRITISH survivors of the Delhi bomb blast clawed at the rubble to reach trapped victims. The three-storey Arjun guest house was reduced without warning to a pile of debris by the huge explosion.

Andy Byfield, 32, from Kent, who had been backpacking through India with friends, joined the rescue operation. His flatmate Cathi Soanes, 31, was among the injured. He said: "There was sheer panic. There was no visibility and you could just hear people screaming frantically. People began digging with their hands, trying to locate anybody. In the first 20 minutes we managed to dig out four or five heavily bleeding and dusty people.

"After half an hour it was obvious lots of other people were trapped. You could reach through the slabs and touch their faces. They were screaming 'Water' and we poured water through the holes just to clean them and to get some of the dust and debris out of the air. We were holding people's hands and pulling them out. There was so much panic and screaming, so much crazy, out-of-control behaviour."

Mr Byfield, a former advertising manager who gave up his job to travel for six months, added: "All you wanted to do was keep people alive. Because of the language barrier, three or four Westerners worked together to move slabs. There were no heroics — it was a case of getting people out as quickly as possible, in case the rest of it fell down or they died."

Cathi Soanes, of Croydon, hurt her neck in the blast

Miss Soanes, a marketing consultant, from Croydon, south London, who was mugged the day before the bombing and suffered typhoid earlier on the tour, suffered neck injuries in the blast. The group, who were walking past the hotel, had been due to leave India yesterday.

Miss Soanes' mother, Margaret, said: "She desperately wants to get home. Both she and Andy are in shock. She is waiting for a scan before she can fly. Some people they know have been killed."

Mr Byfield's father, Barry, of Purley, south London, said: "He has come up trumps this time. He's normally a bit on the squeamish side, so this will have shocked him." He said his son was sleeping on the hospital floor to be near his injured flatmate.

Dion Scholte, 24, an engineer, from Chelmsford, Essex, who was also on a backpacking holiday, said two people in the room next door to his were killed. "We had gone out, otherwise we would have been killed." His Danish girlfriend, Charlotte, persuaded him to go to a restaurant 30 yards from the hotel. He said: "She nagged me to go and get a drink — it's nearly 40C here. We walked to the restaurant, sat down and got a cold drink. There was this great loud bang, and then dust and rubble flying everywhere and the lights went out.

"We didn't know what the hell was happening. We were hiding in the back for a while and then people were running out trying to pull at the rubble. I treated a guy with a head wound — I think he was British. He was covered in blood, he was shaken and bleeding from his head and legs — he looked a mess."

The bomb may have been planted by groups opposed to elections, due to start next week. Two little-known separatist groups claimed to have carried out the bombing in a joint statement delivered to newspaper offices in Srinagar. They called themselves the Jammu and Kashmir Islami Harkatul-Momineen and the Khalistan Liberation Force.

India's general election is due to begin on April 27. A separatist rebellion in the Kashmir region is one of the campaign issues.

Heir who rebelled by conforming

By Michael Horsnell

THE DYNASTY

Family arms with motto "I have good reason"

VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH, who first featured in the gossip columns in 1991 when expelled from Bedales School for smoking cannabis, has subsequently refrained from embracing the hedonistic lifestyle of his father, the hippy Marquess of Bath.

Ceawlin Henry Laszlo Thynn, 21, has frequently surprised his libidinous father — famous for a harem of more than 60 "wifelets", immortalised in a series of nude portraits — by his conformity. First, he went against his father's wishes by using a trust fund to pay his £7,300-a-year boarding fees at the Hampshire public school. His father, who disapproves of private education, had sent him to a local comprehensive school.

Then he announced that he would not compromise his privacy by admitting visitors to his private apartments at Longleat House when he inherits it, unlike his father, who welcomes tourists to view his artistic handiwork at an extra charge.

Lord Bath, 64, became the 7th Marquess in 1992 upon the death of his father — the first aristocrat to open his stately home to the public — and runs Longleat, its lion park and 10,000 acres. After expulsion from Bedales, Lord Weymouth transferred to a sixth-form college in Cambridge, where he took his A levels.

He took a year out in the United States to study politics and philosophy at the University of Richmond before going to University College London to read economics and philosophy. Since graduating he has been involved in a rave-style nightclub and fallen in love with Scarlett Kirby, a public relations consultant eight years his senior.

The couple went to India in the new year to start a ski resort in the foothills of the Himalayas.

Delhi residents help members of the rescue services to take one of the injured to hospital after the blast in the Paharganj area

£2-a-night dives are haven for backpackers

By Robin Young

DELHI

UP TO 100,000 British backpackers visit Delhi every year but few stay more than a day or two before moving on to the more attractive sights of Agra and the Taj Mahal, or Jaipur and Rajasthan.

The Arjun guesthouse is one of many cheap backpackers' hostels in the narrow lanes near Connaught Place, the Indian capital's central square. Paharganj, where the guesthouse is situated, is described in several guidebooks as being the area that has the worst dives, offering dormitory beds or cheap rooms at less than £2 a night.

Connaught Place comes as a disappointment to most visitors. It is full of stray dogs, dangerous drivers and men who try to manhandle customers into carpet emporiums. Sexual harassment, known as Eve-teasing, is commonplace and Westerners are pursued mercilessly by beggars and hawkers offering anything from airline tickets to palm readings.

Anyone rash enough to give away money is immediately mobbed by a ragged crew of children. Most dangers in Delhi derive from the food and the infamous "Delhi belly", which is seldom life-threatening, and the traffic, which frequently is. Five people are killed daily on Delhi's streets.

Otherwise backpackers are warned to beware ruthless travel agents who try to lure them into visiting Kashmir by claiming their friends have already gone there or by telling them Delhi is about to be hit by riots. Tourists have been kidnapped and killed after being caught up in the conflict in Kashmir as a result of such advice.

Emma Thompson's Austen takes film award encores

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

THE film *Sense and Sensibility*, which won an Oscar for its star and screenwriter Emma Thompson last month, took three awards at the annual ceremony of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts last night.

Thompson, who took the best screenplay Oscar for the critically acclaimed production, was named as best actress by Bafta for her role as Jane Austen's romantic Regency heroine Elinor Dashwood. Her co-star Kate Winslet took the award for best supporting actress.

The film also won the best film award. Thompson failed to win the screenplay prize, which went to John Hodge, adapter of *Trainspotting*, the controversial British film about heroin addiction.

The resurgence in popularity of the works of Jane Austen was reinforced in the television categories. The BBC2 film of *Persuasion* was named best single drama, while Jennifer Ehle won the best television actress award for the BBC series *Pride and Prejudice*.

British talent dominated the film awards, which were presented by Sir Peter Ustinov and Angus Deayton at the Theatre Royal, London, and attended by the Princess Royal. Nigel Hawthorne was named best actor for the lead role in the Channel 4 film *The Madness of King George*, which also took the Alexander Korda Award for the best British film. But the Lloyds Bank People's Vote Award, voted for by the public, went to Hollywood for Mel Gibson's film *Braveheart*.

The awards for the television industry had a familiar ring. The BBC *Panorama* interview with the Princess of Wales won the best talk-show award. Robbie Coltrane won the best television actor award for *Cracker* for the third year running and the programme was also named best drama series. Rory Bremner was named best light entertainment performer for the second consecutive year.

THE WINNERS

FILM

Best film: *Sense and Sensibility*; **David Lean Award for best achievement in direction:** Michael Radford (*Il Postino*); **Best screenplay (original):** *The Usual Suspects* (Christopher McQuarrie); **Best screenplay (adapted):** *Trainspotting* (John Hodge); **Best performance by an actress in a leading role:** Emma Thompson (*Sense and Sensibility*); **Best performance by an actor in a leading role:** Nigel Hawthorne (*The Madness of King George*); **Best performance by an actress in a supporting role:** Kate Winslet (*Sense and Sensibility*); **Best performance by an actor in a supporting role:** Tim Roth (*Rob Roy*); **Best film not in the English language:** *Il Postino*; **Lloyds Bank people's vote for favourite film:** *Braveheart*.

TELEVISION

Best single drama: *Persuasion*; **Best drama series:** *Cracker*; **Best drama serial:** *The Politician's Wife*; **Best factual series:** *The Death of Yugoslavia*; **Best light entertainment (programme or series):** *The Mrs Merton Show*; **Best comedy (programme or series):** *Father Ted*; **The Huw Wheldon Award for the best arts programme or series:** *Children of the Revolution*; **Best children's programme (factual):** *Short Change*; **Best children's programme (fiction — entertainment):** *Coping with Christmas*; **The Flaherty Documentary Award:** *The Betrayed*; **Best actress:** Jennifer Ehle (*Pride and Prejudice*); **Best actor:** Robbie Coltrane (*Cracker*); **Best light entertainment performance:** Rory Bremner (*Rory Bremner — Who Else?*); **Best comedy performance:** Martin Clunes (*Men Behaving Badly*); **Best news coverage:** Channel 4's news coverage of war crimes in former Yugoslavia (production team, ITN for Channel 4); **Best sports/events coverage in real time:** VE-Day coverage; **Best talk show:** *Panorama* interview with the Princess of Wales; **Lloyds Bank people's vote for favourite TV programme:** *The X Files*

Awards in the gift of the Bafta Council. Fellowship: John Schlesinger; **Alexander Korda Award for the outstanding British film:** *The Madness of King George*; **Richard Dimbleby Award for the most important personal contribution on the screen in factual television:** Jeremy Paxman; **The Dennis Potter Award:** Roy Clark; **Lew Grade Award for a significant and popular television programme:** *The Antiques Roadshow*. **Foreign TV programme:** *ER*

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Scientists argue on how to split particles of cash

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

Professor Pounds, left, who found himself under angry attack from physicists, and Sir Arnold, who has written to the Government seeking "a little extra cash"

THE world of academic research has been split by a bitter dispute between scientists over money. Physicists accuse the astronomers of grabbing more than their fair share of the resources available to the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, which backs both disciplines.

At the annual conference of the particle physicists at Imperial College ten days ago, the Chief Executive of the council, Professor Ken Pounds — an astronomer — faced a barrage of criticism that only just stopped short of a vote of no confidence. He said: "I felt like a man standing at the Stretford end at Manchester United with a Leeds scarf on. What the particle physicists are saying about astronomers getting more than their fair share is stupid, and untrue."

The particle physicists, who study the fundamental properties of matter using atom smashers, finally drew the line at the vote of no confidence but are circulating by e-mail texts of various possible resolutions which will be critical of the council's management.

Three of them — Professors Peter Dornan of Imperial College London, Erwin Gabathuler of Liverpool and Roger Cashmore of Oxford — have issued a statement saying that their branch of research is being badly handled by the council, whose plans contain "fundamental flaws based on poor advice".

The council is faced with the problem of satisfying both groups within a limited budget. Alarmed by the steady increase in the subscription to Cern, the European Particle Physics Laboratory in Geneva, it decided that expenditure on particle physics had to be capped. Professor Pounds said that the Cern subscription had risen by 27 per cent in the two years since the council was established. The bulk of the increase is caused by a reduction of the value of the pound against the Swiss franc. Hoever, the Cern costs are shared on the basis of national GDP, and Britain's has been growing faster than those of other members.

The council feared that, ultimately, all the money available would go towards the subscription, with none left to do any science. Professor Sir Arnold Wolfendale, president of the Institite of Physics, said this would be like joining a golf club and having no money for equipment. But the particle physicists exploded when told that the council hoped to renegotiate the Cern subscription. One said: "It's not possible under Cern's constitution."

Professor Pounds said that the council's plan was the way to ensure a future for astronomy, space science and particle physics in Britain. He added: "There are risks in what we have decided to do, but the council took the view that doing nothing was worse".

He pointed out that the space scientists had already had to drop out of a satellite called Integral, which will carry gamma-ray telescopes into space. "The irony is that through the British subscription to the European Space Agency, we will be paying £50 to £60 million into the construction of Integral, but we won't have any experiments on it," he said. "That makes no sense, scientifically or politically."

Sir Arnold Wolfendale defends Professor Pounds, but says that he also sympathises with the particle physicists' anger. "They foresee their science withering on the vine," he said. He has written to Ian Taylor, the Science Minister, saying that the row threatens to dwarf previous arguments about money for science. "With a little extra money we can escape from this dilemma. Something will have to give," he said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Liner sails after Cunard pays £15m for damage

Egyptian authorities released the Cunard liner *Royal Viking Sun* yesterday after a £15 million fine was paid for damage caused by the ship to coral reefs in the Red Sea this month. The fine was paid by the International Protection Club, a maritime insurance fund. The ship will be towed in the next 24 hours to Greece, where it will be repaired.

The British-owned liner, with more than 500 passengers on board, scraped the reefs on April 4, tearing a three-yard gash in its hull. Nobody was hurt in the accident, but it meant the end of a three-month world cruise for which passengers had paid up to £21,000.

Oxford student cleared

A former Oxford Union president who was barred from office for alleged electoral malpractice has won his appeal against the judgment. Jonathan Wolf, 21, a Corpus Christi student, "emerges without a stain on his character", an appeal tribunal found. Mr Wolf, who was accused of preventing one candidate from speaking while aiding another, said he felt "totally vindicated".

Beaches 'like cesspits'

Many beaches in Britain's most popular holiday areas are "little better than cesspits", according to a newly-published beach guide. The North West, including such resorts as Blackpool and Morecambe, had beaches which were "a national disgrace", said the Marine Conservation Society which compiled the guide for the *Reader's Digest*.

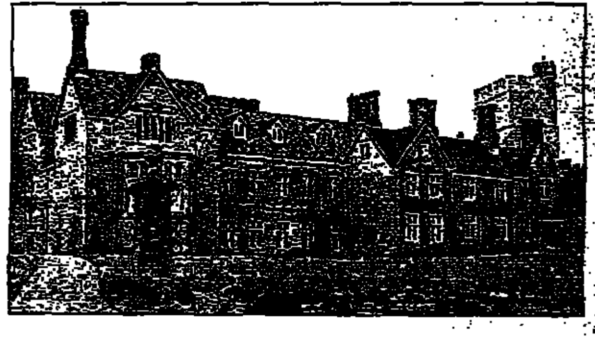
Motorway jam guide

Huge motorway signs advising drivers how to avoid traffic jams are to be introduced on some busy routes at a cost of £16 million. The overhead signs will appear initially on the M1, M11 and parts of the A1 and M25, giving warnings of problems and suggesting alternative routes. The system is used widely on the Continent but has never been tried in Britain.

Civil servant rebuked

A senior civil servant at the Welsh Office in Cardiff has received a disciplinary warning for criticising MPs' outside earnings while in the audience on BBC-TV *Question Time*. William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, was on the panel. The Civil Service Management Code says senior grades must retain "proper reticence in matters of political controversy".

Public mansion for rent



An 18-bedroom neo-classical house, the 1814 Philipps House at Dinton, near Salisbury, is being made available for letting by the National Trust at £25,000 a year on a 40-year lease. The tenant would pay the £18,000 buildings insurance and allow public access to the principal rooms two afternoons a week.

The park will remain public.

Two share £10.4m jackpot

Two tickets won the National Lottery jackpot of £10.37 million, each winning £5,185,306. Twenty tickets won £159,547 each for matching five balls plus the bonus number and 914 winners receive £2,182 each for four balls.

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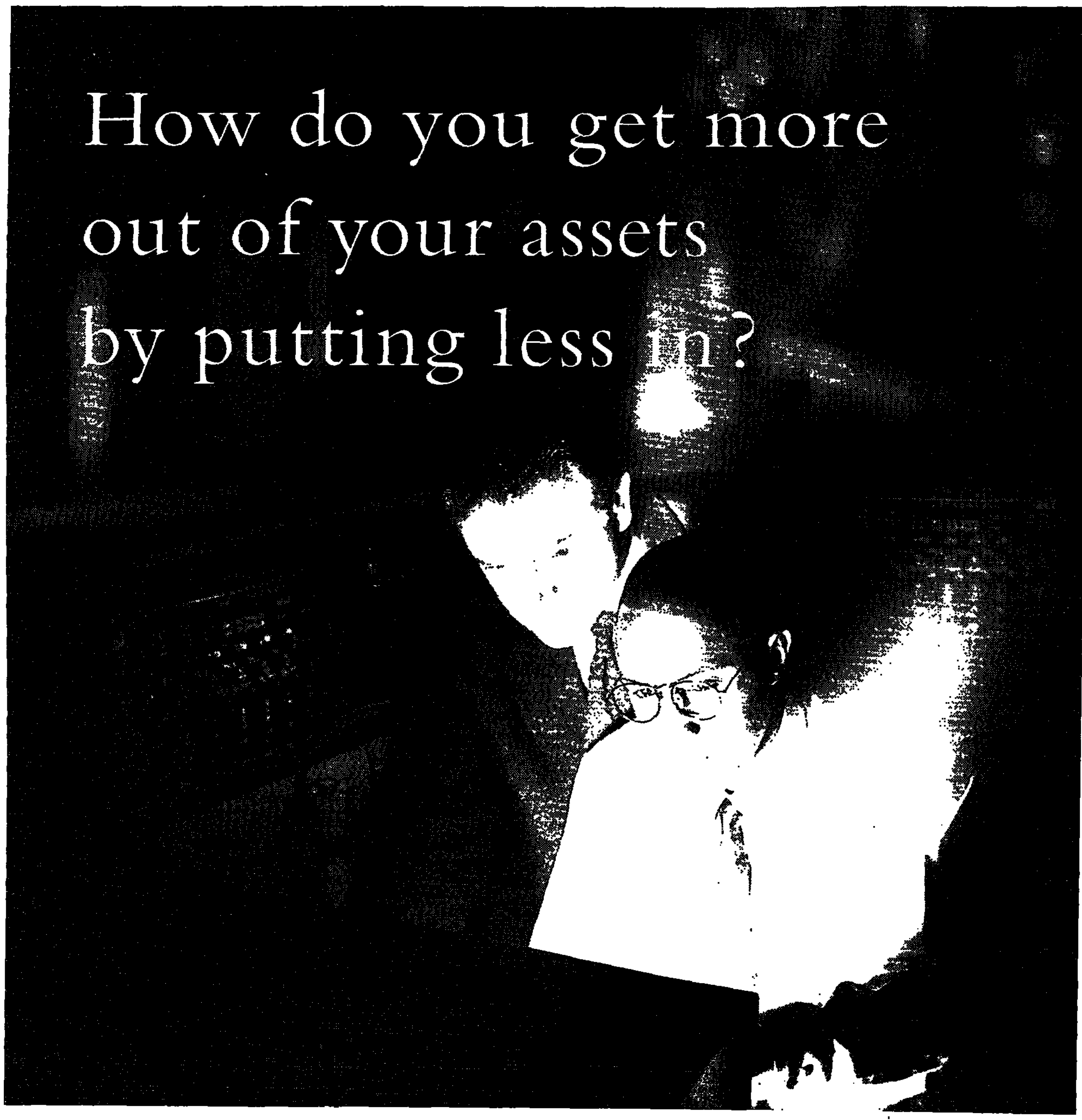
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St Paul's launches fight to save its fallen angels

In the 1970s St Paul's Cathedral sold some of its Victorian treasures to make more space. Now it wants them back. Dalya Alberge reports on efforts to save them

EXQUISITELY carved cherubs and angels from a magnificent 19th-century altarpiece at St Paul's Cathedral will be sold abroad unless £740,000 can be raised to keep them in Britain.

They are among 17 marble sculptures that survived from the reredos, or altarpiece, designed in the early 1880s by the Victorian architect George Frederick Bodley. Part of the reredos was bombed during the Blitz, and St Paul's now regrets its decision to sell the remaining sections in the 1970s. Other pieces, according to cathedral staff, are believed to have disappeared when they were laid out in front of the bombed building and people helped themselves to valuable souvenirs.

Canon John Halliburton, the chancellor of St Paul's, who joined the cathedral in 1990, has expressed disbelief that such treasures were sold and wants them back. He said: "They were part of one of the most important decorative schemes of the 19th century. There is nothing to be compared with it, apart from the Houses of Parliament. This is a unique collection. It would be tragic if it went abroad."

He said the pieces had been taken from the cathedral "in the age when conservation was not really appreciated. Our master carver, who has been with us since 1959, dreads to think what else might have gone."

The cathedral now sees the pieces as an integral part of its history. Canon Halliburton added, however, that St Paul's was unlikely to be able to save them because it was already struggling to find £300,000 for the conservation of its other great 19th-century works. The painting *The Sea Gives Up Its Dead*, by Frederic Leighton, needs £100,000, and ten wooden architectural models by Leighton and Sir Edward Poynter require a further £100,000. Leighton and Poynter were among several 19th-century artists who responded to an appeal in 1858 to create designs for the cathedral.

Bodley: designed the altarpiece in the 1880s

The marble sculptures were purchased from the cathedral in 1978 for what is believed to be a four-figure sum by John Brandler, from Brentwood in Essex, a dealer in modern British paintings whose clients include the Victoria & Albert Museum and Manchester City Art Galleries. Although the sculptures were outside his field, he trusted his eye and took his pick from furniture and works of art which were being sold over five years in the late 1970s from St Paul's.

He recalls his amazement at being able to buy them because it was supposed that, as 19th-century pieces, they did not fit Sir Christopher Wren's vision of St Paul's: "If I hadn't saved them, they would have used them as hardcore. They needed the space to display their silver and gold works of art that would give them an income from tourists. Unbelievably, these pieces were considered unfashionable and in the way.

"They couldn't see beauty from the dirt. They had so many works of art in the cathedral that they didn't appreciate the unfashionable Victorian ones." Mr Brandler has been granted an export licence but he would prefer the pieces to remain in Britain. He loaned them to the Cartwright Hall Museum in Bradford from 1978 until two years ago.

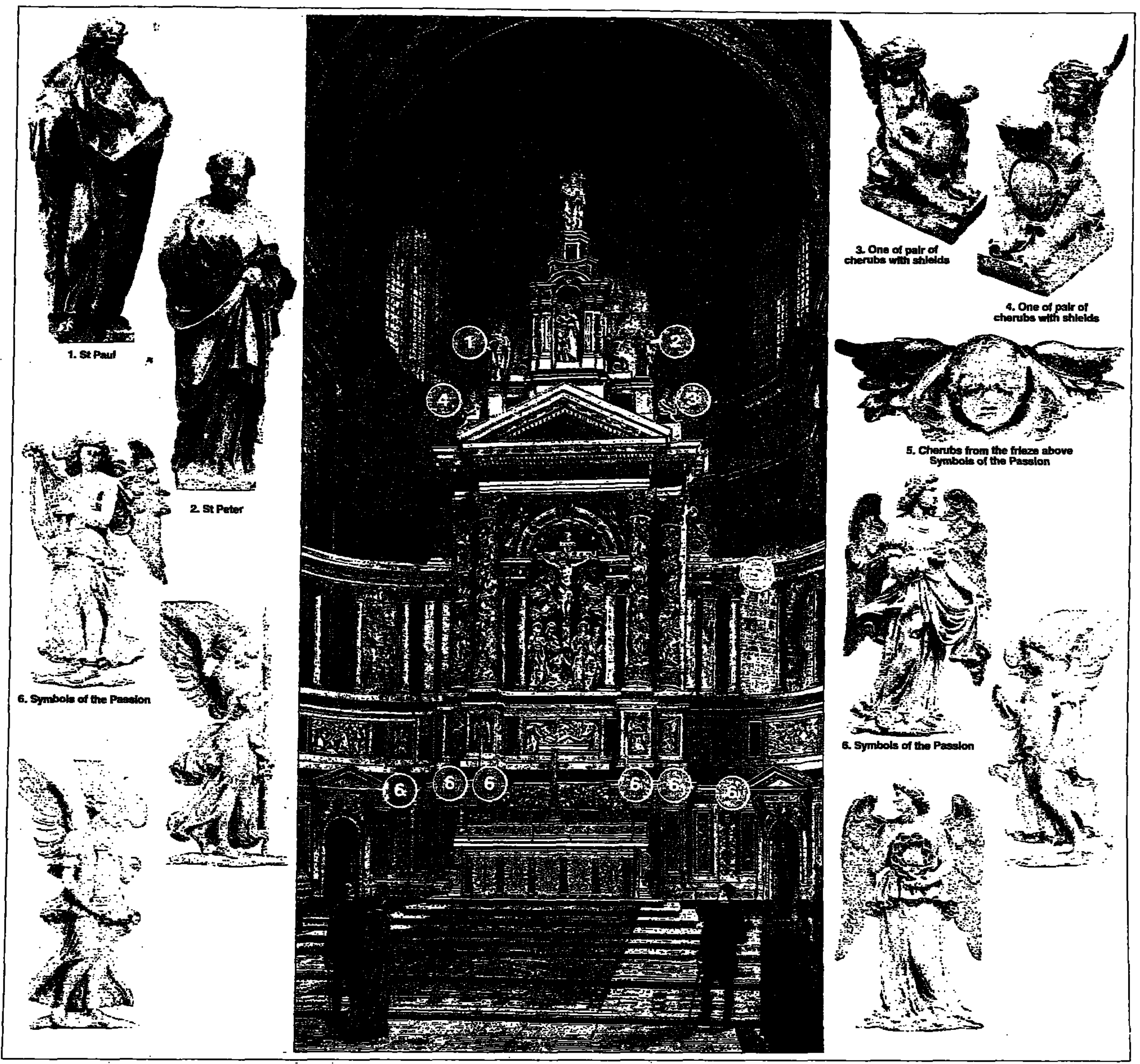
The Victorian Society was among those who protested against the sales in the 1970s. They contacted the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's, urging consultations. In one newspaper, Commander Charles Shears, registrar of St Paul's, said: "We are not selling off St Paul's. The whole thing has been blown out of proportion."

It was reported that the value of the antiques — which included chairs and paintings — was decided by the cathedral experts with advice from the antiques trade.

On January 26, 1888, *The Times* ran a report of the festival at which the new reredos was dedicated in the presence of the Bishop of London and a large congregation. The report said: "A dignified and suitable altarpiece or reredos has hitherto been the great want of St Paul's Cathedral; indeed, without it, the church could not be said to be complete.

It also described the very pieces in Mr Brandler's possession: "Angels supporting shields of the crossed swords and keys. .. St Paul and St Peter. .. flanked by sculptured festoons of fruit and flowers separated by marble panels. The general idea is to express the life of our Lord."

St Paul and St Peter each stand about 54in high, and a series of panels with angels holding symbols of the passion span 31in by 18in. The collection includes nine unrestored pieces featuring garlands and *putti* from the original frieze. Judith Bronkhurst, a scholar of 19th-century art who has been involved in cataloguing the Victorian collection at St Paul's, said that Bodley was the foremost ecclesiastical architect of his day: "The reredos is an integral part of the 19th-century history of the decoration of the cathedral. It would be a great shame if the opportunity was missed to secure at least some of these pieces."



1. St Paul

2. St Peter

3. One of pair of cherubs with shields

4. One of pair of cherubs with shields

5. Cherubs from the frieze above Symbols of the Passion

6. Symbols of the Passion

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The altarpiece in its full glory and some of the 17 marble sculptures that survived the Blitz. The cathedral's chancellor said: "It would be tragic if they were sold abroad"

Purists to campaign for 'real hymns'

By Ruth Gledhill

TRADITIONALISTS are planning a "campaign for real hymns", modelled on the Campaign for Real Ale.

David Wright, author of three books of hymn commentaries, believes that traditional hymns, such as those written by Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts, are under attack from popular modern "worship songs".

In the Hymn Society bulletin, Mr Wright, former lecturer in education at East Anglia University, says: "I dislike religious campaigns but I sense that something radical needs to be done if we are to ensure that real hymns thrive and survive."

He says "real hymns" can include both ancient and modern varieties but must be poetic, express faith, have depth of meaning, rhythm and rhyme, must uplift hearts and minds and must preach or teach the faith.

Examples include Charles Wesley's *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*, the 19th-century *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* and *Tell Out my Soul*, by the contemporary hymn-writer and retired bishop, Timothy Dudley-Smith.

Mr Wright says: "Twenty years ago, traditional ale was for old fogeys and people who liked traditional hymns. Camra has transformed the situation. It is now very acceptable to like real ale and even people like me who dislike it can see the success of the campaign."

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Duty and tradition: Elizabeth's reigning devotions

***Ben Pimlott**, the Queen's biographer, assesses the strengths and weaknesses of her 44 years on the Throne and finds their origins in national developments and her own personality*

Elizabeth Windsor at 70 is not a triumphant Queen. But she is undoubtedly a remarkable one. In this, she follows a distinguished line. Britain's female monarchs have generally had a good press. Apart from Lady Jane Grey, who reigned for ten days but had her uncrowned head chopped off, and Bloody Mary, who burnt Protestants and lost Calais, there have been no major disasters.

This may have less to do with female superiority than coincidence: the two most celebrated of our queens, Elizabeth I and Victoria, happened to have reigned at times of national expansion and success. One reason for a recent shift of opinion on the monarchy could be that Elizabeth II has not been so lucky. It is hard to appear a great monarch if the nation over which you reign is on a slippery slope. The spiralling descent from the age of Churchill to the age of John Major can scarcely be described as "happy and glorious".

Yet Britain's decline since the 1950s might have been even more traumatic but for the continuity and unity embodied in our prosaic and unshowy Head of State, who has provided a vital element of reassurance. Indeed, the Queen's very limitations may have been an anchor. Her symbolic strength is real but odd. In many ways, she is an enigma. She is by no means a democratic or representative figure. Rooted in the tiny stratum that still takes for granted stately homes, large estates and little social contact with people from other sections of society, she remains a wealthy landowner with a passion for horses and dogs. She turns more naturally to *The Sporting Life* than to the *Financial Times* or the *London Review of Books*. Privately she is shrewd, sharp, funny and knowledgeable, but firmly non-intellectual and, almost as firmly, philistine.

Publicly, she is a traditionalist. In contrast to her husband and eldest son, who itch to innovate, her instinct is to leave things as they have always been. A retired courtier said: "Monarchs shouldn't be ahead of the times or even abreast of them. But they must never fall far behind them." In recent years she has allowed the monarchy to seem old-fashioned.

On a number of occasions, she has failed to take initiatives where a royal intervention was needed. Her mishandling of the choice of Prime Minister early in her reign resulted in the virtual loss of the most important remaining part of the royal prerogative. She can be severely criticised for not responding sooner to pressure to pay tax on her private wealth. Long ago, she should have broadened the social and racial mix of people in royal employment.

She may be indicted for failing to exercise enough authority over her children. A recent error was to let the Prince and Princess of Wales send Prince William, second in line to the throne, to Eton, dye-stamping the monarchy until late in the next century — if it survives — as an upper-class institution. She depends too much on flummery, and a voluntary cutting of costs would be a gesture the public would much appreciate.

Yet the list of major mistakes is small, given the length of her reign. Until the recent period of Royal Family turmoil, the most striking feature of the Queen's reign was its steadiness. Nobody could accuse her of an excess of imagination. Instead she has a quality that used to be a mark of Britain's governing elite but fell out of fashion in the money-grabbing 1980s: a concept of duty.

The Queen has been required to protect the image of the monarchy without the advantages of national success and expansion that underpinned the reigns of Elizabeth I and Victoria

She unquestioningly does what is expected of her — not much more, but never any less. For nearly half a century she has been true to a vow made on her 21st birthday in 1947 in South Africa, when she declared "that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong". Unlike some politicians, the Queen regards the modern version of the "imperial family" — the Commonwealth — with the utmost devotion, and its survival as a creative forum owes much to her personal role. If her relations with left-wing Prime Ministers have sometimes been better than with Tory ones, that is partly because Labour has taken Commonwealth aspirations more seriously, especially in black Africa.

She bears herself well in public and takes seriously what she does. She does not behave as if she were bored, like Edward VIII; or as if she were nervous, like her father, George VI; or as if the whole thing were part of showbusiness, like some of the younger royals. She neither treats her subjects as if they were fans nor strives to be the Queen of people's hearts. She respects the sincere feelings that others, especially older people and children, have towards her and towards what she represents. She is not a spontaneous person and prefers not to reveal her feelings. Thus it is all the more moving when, as at Dunblane, she does.

Royal propaganda claims that she is overworked. By most standards, this is untrue: many of her subjects work harder and in less cushioned conditions. Yet she is always on call and the strain she has to bear is constant. Her cousin, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was assassinated; an attempt was made to kidnap her daughter; an intruder broke into Buckingham Palace and entered her bedroom; a deranged youth fired a pistol at her; atrocities have been committed against members of her Household Guard.

The pressure of publicity never ends. Her family have suffered more humiliation at the hands of the press — and of daughters-in-law — than the Royal Family has had to endure since the early 19th century. Yet she has retained her dignity and the respect of the nation as the distillation of a dated but commendable form of Britishness. She has many admirers and few enemies: how many elected heads of state, after ten years let alone 44, could say the same?.

The climax of the Coronation Service in 1953 came with the acclamation "Long live Queen Elizabeth, may the Queen live for ever!" — a form of words handed down from Anglo-Saxon practice. Today, viewing an uncertain future, there are politicians as well as courtiers who fervently mutter the same prayer.

Ben Pimlott's biography of the Queen will be published by HarperCollins later this year.

Luxury that made royals want to join the inn crowd

BY ROBIN YOUNG

CELEBRATING the seventieth birthday of the head of the family at a local restaurant may be the choice of most of middle England these days. The Royal Family had an extra incentive for wanting to abandon their own dining room for the occasion: Britain's only three-star Michelin restaurant outside London is close to their Windsor home.

The Waterside Inn, at the end of a narrow lane in Bray, Berkshire, occupies a magical location on the banks of the Thames. Its co-founder and driving force, Michel Roux, celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday on Saturday night in the private dining room which was reserved last night for the royal party.

The dining rooms, decorated in exquisite French taste, look out on to the gently flowing water through the fronds of an ancient weeping willow, and have been renowned for years as Britain's premier showcase for classic French cuisine. The inn is justly famous as a wonderful place to enjoy good food in a cosseted but unoppressive atmosphere. The set dinner alone is £66.50, and the wine list is said to be "as French as the Eiffel Tower, with prices somewhat higher". A regular who has been going for years said yesterday: "Customers often laugh ruefully when presented with the bill, acknowledging that they have had a good time and that it was worth it after all."

The restaurant, a white and black pebble-dashed building with a modern dining room bolted on to the back, was created in 1972 by the Roux brothers, Albert and Michel. It became the domain of Michel, the warm and effusive one in a partnership that has proved the most successful and influential in the British restaurant trade, and one of the most popular cookery double acts seen on television. The food at the Waterside specialises in the subtle and refined flavours of classic French cuisine. Many of the dishes, such as poached eggs and asparagus in a mousseline sauce, depend upon split-second timing for an effect that makes them more exciting than they sound. Other specialities include duck poached in jasmine tea and roasted in honey, a lobster bisque of "amazing power", and a navarin of lamb "fragrant with the perfumes of spring vegetables".

JEREMY YOUNG

Michel Roux at the Waterside Inn. He maintains high standards and secrecy: "I never talk about what customers choose," he said

On Saturday night, M Roux's guests included Albert, now an international consultant, the three-star chef Nico Ladenis from Chez Nico at Ninety Park Lane, and Richard Shepherd of Langan's Brasserie. M Roux's own birthday menu included crab thermidor, roast suckling pig with compote of apples, French cheeses and *tarte aux mirabelles*. M Roux would not discuss any menu that might have been ordered for the Queen. He is very diplomatic, having served two years as a pastry chef in the British Embassy in Paris before doing his national service and then becoming personal chef to Cecile de Rothschild.

"I have never talked about what any customers choose to eat, either before or after a meal," said M Roux, who has also cooked before Presidents Pompidou and de Gaulle. "But I think I can say one dish has long been one for which the Waterside is famous."

That could have been the Douillet Dubarry, an astonishing marbled terrine of chicken, artichoke and *foie gras*, accompanied with a scoop of intensely flavoured cauliflower cream, which the *Good Food Guide* has singled out for praise for two consecutive years. It was described first as "a surprising but marvellous match" and then "a gorgeous combination of flavours and textures".

M Roux, still French after 29 years in Britain, qualified as a pastry chef, became a Meilleur Ouvrier de France in that craft in 1976 and was made Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Mérite in 1987.

Individual dishes at the Waterside cost up to £34 *à la carte*. Weekday lunch is from £28.50.

Order of service

The service at the Church of St Mary Magdelen, Sandringham, yesterday was Matins from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. All readings taken from the King James Bible. But where possible, namely at the welcome, in the prayers and during the sermon, the Rector refers to the Queen's birthday.

Start: congregation sings first verse of national anthem. Canon George Hall, Rector of Sandringham and Chaplain to the Queen, welcomes everybody and reads notices. He mentions that it is the Queen's 70th birthday and wishes her a happy day.

Hymn: *Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer*. Confession and Absolution. The Lord's Prayer. Versicles and Responses.

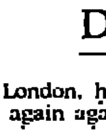
Psalm 24. First Lesson: Ezekiel xxxiv, 11-16. Te Deum. Second Lesson: John x. 11-16. Jubilate. Creed. Collects.

Prayers: as laid out in the Book of Common Prayer, except for the opening prayer, where the Rector says: "As we celebrate Her Majesty's birthday today, let us pray for Her Majesty the Queen . . .

Hymn: *God of Mercy, God of Grace*. Sermon. Hymn: *Praise to the Holiest in the Height*. Blessing.

As the Queen leaves church, organist strikes up with *Happy Birthday*. Congregation and crowds listening outside join in.

Gut reaction puts doctors on trail of mystery agent



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

FOR a generation, doctors have been searching for an organism that could be responsible for Crohn's disease. It has been assumed there might be an infective agent that could trigger an abormal immunological response, giving rise to ulceration and inflamation of the gut in patients with an aberrant genetic make-up.

Crohn's disease, a chronic inflammatory disease that could strike any part of the gastro-intestinal tract from the mouth to the anus, is one of the more unpleasant afflictions that predominantly affects younger people. At different times chlamydia and the microbacteria have been implicated. More recent research has suggested that the measles virus could be involved: a worrying premise, as a weakened virus is used in immunisation programmes. Equally disturbing, when dairy farmers are being harried over BSE, is the suggestion that the organism which may trigger Crohn's disease in genetically susceptible young people is transmitted by milk.

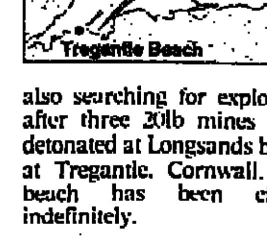
Professor John Hermon-Taylor of St George's Hospital, London, has opened the case again against microbacteria, in particular *Mycobacterium paratuberculosis*, or MparaTB. This organism is known to vets as the cause of Johne's disease, an incurable inflammation affecting the bowels of cattle. MparaTB is not destroyed by standard pasteurisation and therefore could be a possible source of infection in humans. Professor Hermon-Taylor is reported to have found evidence of MparaTB in three quarters of the patients he has treated for Crohn's disease.

George is a fairly typical sufferer from Crohn's disease. Aged 25, he was the life and soul of his rugby club and was outgoing, emotionally well-orientated and fit. There was no family history of Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis: both inflammatory bowel diseases can occur in the same family. George suddenly developed severe diarrhoea, associated with heavy bleeding, a high temperature, pain and rapid, severe weight loss. He was so ill that he became disorientated.

As in many cases, the maximal abdominal tenderness was over the junction of the small and large intestines, just where the appendix lies, so it can mimic appendicitis. Treatment is aimed at inducing a remission of symptoms and George is now in remission.

Steroids are usually needed to achieve this remission. Recently a new presentation of the Entocort CR budesonide, which mainly acts locally in the gut and therefore has fewer side effects, has given encouraging results.

Winter storms uncover mines along coastline



SEVERE storms during the winter have exposed large numbers of unexploded Second World War anti-tank mines along the English coast as far apart as Cornwall and north Norfolk (Michael Horsnell writes).

Army and Royal Navy bomb disposal officers have uncovered six mines with 50lb charges around the shingle bank protecting the shoreline between Salthouse and Cley next the Sea, Norfolk. They were laid shortly after the fall of France in 1940 when a German invasion was thought imminent. The A149 road between them has been closed and warning notices posted on the beach. Disposal teams are also searching for explosives after three 20lb mines were detonated at Longsands beach at Tregantle, Cornwall. The beach has been closed indefinitely.

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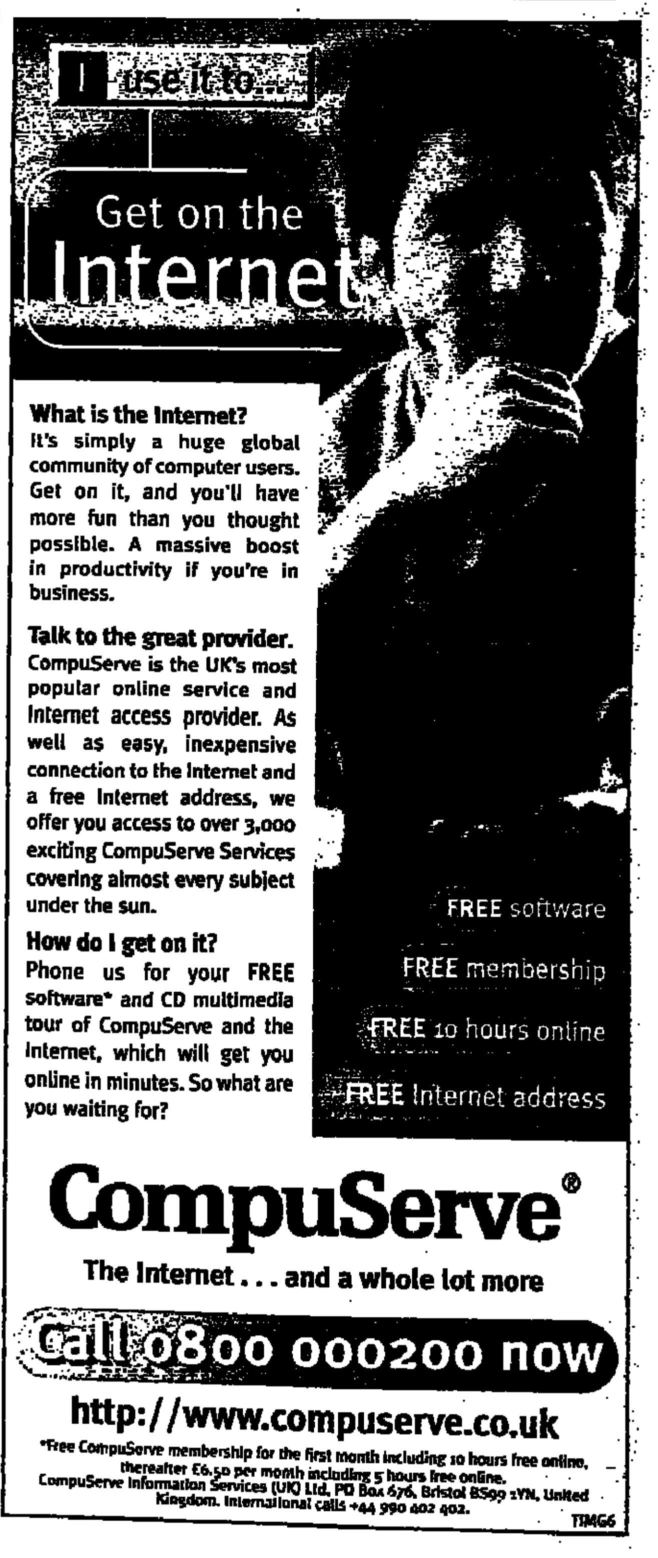

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Law Society and Bar conference

Women lawyers launch campaign to oust Mears

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

WOMEN lawyers are fighting to oust Martin Mears, president of the Law Society, after he accused some of being "discrimination zealots" who thrived on "heresy-hunting".

Mr Mears said it was *nonsense to suggest* that women were held back by prejudice, but delegates were *told that he represented the* "forces of darkness" in the profession.

Alison Parkinson, chairwoman of the Association of Women Solicitors, called for action *to tackle the Law Society* leadership after Mr Mears's comments at a conference of women lawyers *and* judges. She urged all solicitors present to vote, and to encourage *their friends to vote and* stand for seats on the Law Society council.

The president lambasted the feminist and politically correct lobby at a conference on *Saturday organised by the Bar* and Law Society and sponsored by *The Times*. He said it was absurd to say that women lawyers were "some kind of honorary minority" who faced discrimination, when they now accounted for most entrants to the solicitors' profession. "It is a nonsense and a fiction to assert that there is any kind of prejudice against women anywhere in the public *sector* or quasi-public sector. The exact opposite is the case."

The conference in London, titled *The Woman Lawyer: Changing the Culture*, is the *second to be held. Last year's* caused similar controversy when Eileen Pembridge, a *Law Society council member,* accused the society of failing to tackle sexual harassment. On *Saturday Ms Pembridge, who* fought Mr Mears for the presidency last year, said he *represented the* "*forces of* darkness".

She added: "Now you can *see what we are up against.* Mr Mears would not he here if there were not plenty of men in the profession who hold his views."

Pembridge: said plenty shared Mears's views

At the conference Mr Mears criticised the rise in tribunal cases over "indirect discrimination" *and claimed that mi*nority groups were abused to promote such grievances. Most women and ethnic minority lawyers *he met had the* same concerns as any other solicitor and wished to be treated as such, not given special privileges, he said. "Their attitude is very different from that of some of the discrimination zealots who thrive on grievances and heresy-hunting and use minorities as raw material for their whinge factories."

The "discrimination industry" rarely rejoiced at the *advances of women and ethnic* minorities, he said. Instead they found further grievances *in the shape of the concept of* "indirect discrimination".

Mr Mears's comments *brought an immediate clash* with the chairman of the Bar, David Penry-Davey, QC, who *said: "Martin, I profoundly* believe you are wrong. There are those organisations or *individuals who seek to take* advantage, rightly or wrongly of equal opportunities policy. *It does not mean that there is* no problem: I believe there is a problem." Mr Penry-Davey added that the Bar, which has *just launched an equal* opportunities code, would not be "sidetracked by accusations of political correctness from the path we know to be right".

Laura Cox, QC, conference chairman, *said Mr Mears's* comments were "remarkable — comic and tragic in equal proportions" and a clear illustration of *how much* the culture had to change. The guest speaker at the conference, *Lesley Abdela*, an equal opportunities expert, said: "As a first step towards changing the culture, we *will* vote out Martin Mears." He will stand for re-election in the summer.

In his speech, Mr Mears *em-phasised that his concern* was about "abuses" of equal opportunities laws, not the *principles*. "*Hardly* a week goes by without some new example of zealotry and her*esy-hunting.*"

He criticised Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, for considering "abolishing the taboo against female combat soldiers". Such a taboo should be reinforced, Mr Mears said. "An equal opportunity to kill? It sounds an odd kind of crusade."

Martin Mears at the conference, where he complained of "minorities used as raw material for whinge factories"

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Cherie Booth attacks sexism in legal profession

CHERIE BOOTH, QC, accused the legal profession of sex discrimination and called for a new attitude to work and family in which men and women are equal partners.

Ms Booth told a conference for women lawyers in London at the weekend that the issue of women's careers in the law was tied up with "how to get a *balance in our lives and fulfil* ourselves through work, but not at our families' expense".

The wife of the Labour leader, a mother to three children who has reached the top ranks of the *Bar* as a Queen's Counsel, accused many men of being one-dimensional. "They are dedicated to their work and miss out on their families. We, as women, are determined to make sure we have a proper balance." In achieving that, Ms Booth added, women could liberate men as well.

Despite the advances of women at the Bar over the 20 years of her career, in which *the numbers of women had* risen from less than 10 per cent to more than 40 per cent, Ms Booth *said successful* women were undermined by accusations of "tokenism" and *such comments* made her angry.

"I look forward to seeing more women as silks and as judges. But what really annoys me is the suggestion that someone got on because she was a woman. That is an insult to the hard work and effort of women who have come up through the system and managed to succeed."

Mrs Justice Arden, a High Court judge and chairman of the Law Commission, similarly called for a new partnership between men and women in the home. She told the conference: "We need to change the culture so that the responsibility of bringing up children and running the home is not perceived as a women-only job."

Mrs Justice Arden, whose husband, Sir Jonathan Mance, is also a High Court judge, said: "It is the responsibility of women — but it is also that of the men. Why should it be the woman who has to *leave early to go to the school* play — why not the man?

She said that if this step in changing attitudes was achieved, then women would not be "forced to act like men". *At present, she said, they* "have to abide by men's working practices and attitudes. If we recognise that men and women should take responsibility for children and the home, this would be a momentous change."

Mrs Justice Arden gave women three practical tips to further their careers: to do their professional work to the best of their abilities; to do something extra outside work *to raise their profiles, and to* join a network such as the associations for women bar*risters or solicitors.*

Booth: said many men missed out on family life

Barrister change 'may be unlawful'

PLANS to extend the time it takes to qualify as a barrister could be unlawful and discriminatory, *women barristers* have claimed. The accusation came as the Bar launched *an equality* code which aims to convey a strong message that it will root out *discrimation*.

David Penry-Davey QC, Bar chairman, told the weekend conference that equality of opportunity would be judged by the extent to which all women fulfilled their potential: "We recognise it is not sufficient to have a *few highly* visible and successful women at the Bar."

However, the Association of Women Barristers criticised a separate proposal in which *entrants will* no longer be called to the Bar after their Bar finals, but will have to undertake six months' training in chambers. The association said this would severely disadvantage women and ethnic minorities — who find it harder to obtain a *training* place in chambers — and those employed in government, commerce and *industry*, where there were disproportionately more women than in private practice.

The proposal will go before the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on education *and conduct on April 29. It is* also opposed by the Middle Temple and by barristers in *the government legal service.*

The association cited figures showing the proportion of women at the "employed" *Bar* (outside *private* practice) are greater than in private practice: of 2,495 barristers in government, commerce and industry, 38 per cent are women, but women make up only one-fifth of barristers in private practice. Among the ethnic-minority barristers "called" or qualifying in 1994, *62 per cent of men and 42 per* cent of women were not in private practice, against 40 per cent of white men and 34 per cent of white women.

Barbara Hewson, the association chairwoman, said the proposals would have an indirect discriminatory effect: "This will be unlawful, unless the Bar can produce some objective justification."

Niall Morison, chief executive of the Bar Council, said *the change would make more* sense of barristers' qualifications. At present, students qualified but did not obtain the right to take cases in court until they had six months' training in chambers. The Bar was aware of concern and would want to remedy and minimise any adverse effects.

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Christopher puts peace blueprint to Syria and Israel

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

DIPLOMACY

WAR raged unabated for the eleventh consecutive day in Lebanon and northern Israel yesterday, as international attempts led by the United States to halt the violence which cost 150 lives and left 300 people wounded ran into early snags.

Such is the gravity of the threat posed by the fighting to the fragile Middle East peace process that France, Russia and the European Union were competing with the Americans in attempts to find a quick solution. Israel ruled out serious consideration of the peace blueprints except that drawn up by the State Department, understood to be the most sympathetic to the Israeli stand.

As the diplomats were talking in different capitals in a peace drive unprecedented in recent Middle East history, Israel ordered an inquiry led by a brigadier-general, whose identity remains secret, into the causes of Thursday's massacre at the United Nations base, close to Tyre in southern Lebanon, that claimed 102 victims and altered the course of Operation Grapes of Wrath.

In the eerie northern Israeli ghost town of Kiryat Shmona, more of the population, now down from 23,000 to 2,000, decided to flee south as the Katyusha rockets fired by Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas continued to fall.

Within the Israel Defence Force, the failure to halt the Katyushas, after 11 days of a blitz in which more than 500 have thudded into the biblical Galilee region, led to bitter recriminations. Senior officers blamed Israeli military intelligence for failing to estimate the amount of weaponry available to Hezbollah.

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, shuttled between Damascus and Jerusalem on what officials said was the most vital and punishing diplomatic mission of his career. Speaking in Israel before leaving for his second visit in 48 hours to Syria, he said that he was confident of an eventual ceasefire, but difficult questions still remained.

Senior Western and Israeli officials estimated that the negotiations to end the fighting could be completed by the end of this week. But it was emphasised last night that any spectacular Islamic suicide attack against Jews inside Israel or abroad to coincide with Wednesday's symbolic 48th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish state could wreck the process.

Mr Christopher, who has yet to reveal details of the secret American peace plan, said, after what he described as "an excellent meeting" with Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister: "We have some difficult questions to work through. But I feel confident that, with his help and with the assistance of other people in the region, we will ultimately achieve our goals."

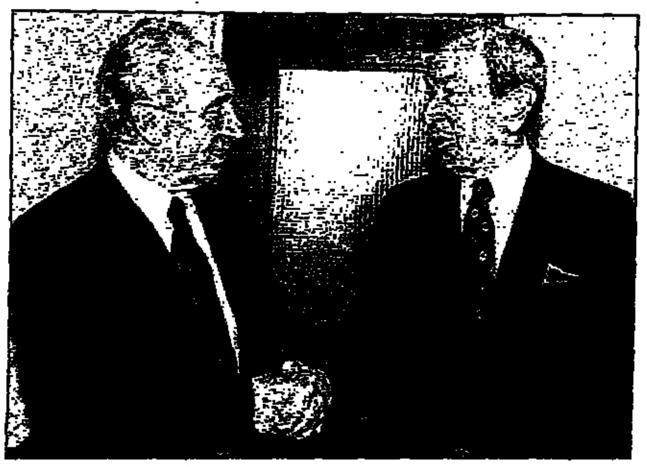
The Israeli Cabinet ruled out a unilateral ceasefire and Mr Christopher refused to set any deadline for securing an end to the two-way cross-border exchange of rockets and shells, augmented by continuing strikes by Israeli warplanes and naval guns. "We have to be patient yet for another period of time," Mr Peres said.

According to diplomats close to the fraught negotiations, which continued last night when Mr Christopher returned again to Damascus, one of the main sticking points remained Israeli demands that attacks must cease on its soldiers, and those of its client militia, the South Lebanon Army, inside the occupied south Lebanese "security zone" as part of the package.

As the talking continued, there was widespread agreement that the troubled Israeli operation has benefited President Assad of Syria. Contrary to what everbody had been saying, that Hezbollah will determine the outcome of the Israeli elections, Hemi Shalev in the Tel Aviv paper *Maariv* wrote: "It is really the old fox from Damascus, with five foreign ministers now at his doorstep, who is in control".

Pope renews peace call

Rome: The Pope denounced a week of "incredible violence" in the Middle East and said Lebanese civilians were suffering the most from actions hard to justify. Pilgrims in St Peter's Square yesterday heard him add: "To the combatants on both sides and those who share their positions, I repeat that true peace and true justice cannot be achieved through the hatred of violence and weapons."



Mr Peres greets Mr Christopher at the start of their talks in Jerusalem yesterday aimed at a ceasefire

United Nations workers evacuate a baby from Yater village in south Lebanon yesterday

Angry Arab voters vow to ensure Peres poll defeat

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

PROTESTS

ISRAELI Arabs protesting against Israel's blitz on southern Lebanon had to be dispersed by police using teargas and baton charges in Nazareth at the weekend.

The anger of the Israeli Arab community, which forms more than 10 per cent of the country's electorate is tangible. One poster accused Labour of being a Government of "killing, pillaging and closure", a reference to the continued blockade of the occupied West bank and Gaza Strip.

The Israeli Arab rioters, in scenes reminiscent of the Palestinian intifada, used stones and bottles to attack the police. Abd Wahad Darawshe, leader of the Arab Democratic Party, which has two seats in the Knesset, told protesters: "Peres does not consider the opinions of the Arabs of Israel; therefore, we must not allow him to win the elections."

There is growing consternation inside the Labour campaign headquarters as polls show that Operation Grapes of Wrath has not given Shimon Peres the massive popular boost expected. "Labour's big fear is that international pressure will force Israel into an uncomfortable agreement that the [right-wing opposition] Likud could use for its own purposes," wrote political journalist Orly Azulai-Katz.

Labour's internal polls show there is a much higher proportion of floating voters than was previously estimated. In the past these have tended to float towards the more hawkish Likud party on polling day.

Plight of Qana's victims unites Lebanon factions

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN BEIRUT

REFUGEES

A BEJEWELLED and well-coiffured woman in a Pontiac lowered her window and pushed a bundle of crumpled notes at a scruffy young Hezbollah welfare worker collecting money for the 400,000 people displaced by Israel's 11-day blitz of southern Lebanon.

"Our hearts are with the homeless and the victims of Qana," she said, before screeching off down Hamra Street, an exclusive shopping area in bustling central Beirut. A loudspeaker on a battered yellow Hezbollah Mercedes parked on the pavement blared out spirit-stirring Mahler and sang the praises of the Katyusha rocket.

Business was brisk. Lebanese army soldiers, traffic policemen, and one in five drivers gave money. "Qana has united us," said a businessman sipping a beer at a pavement café. "It's not that we support Hezbollah: it's our sympathy for the people." The newspaper he was reading predicted that after the "crucifixion" at Qana would come the "resurrection" of Lebanon as a united country. Outrage over the massacre would accelerate the healing of Lebanon's sectarian civil war wounds, it said. Christians were donating food, clothes and medicine to the homeless Shia Muslims of the south.

Today shops, offices and factories will be closed as the country holds a day of national mourning for the refugees killed last Thursday by Israeli artillery shells at the United Nations base in Qana, south of Tyre, where they had sought sanctuary. A four-year-old boy died yesterday from wounds suffered in the shelling of the base, bringing the number of dead so far in the massacre to 102, many of them women and children. A UN military investigator inspected the base and said he wanted to interview the Israeli artillery officer responsible.

Despite the massacre and the intensive diplomacy that has followed, military action continued unabated. Hezbollah fired Katyushas across the border at the weekend and Israel maintained its ferocious bombardment by land, air and sea. Two Lebanese soldiers and a civilian were killed in air attacks on Saturday. More than 150 Lebanese, mostly civilians, have died in the fighting. Some 50 Israelis have been wounded.

For a fourth day yesterday, the delivery of food, medicine and other humanitarian supplies for the people of southern Lebanon was delayed for hours because Israeli gunboats were shelling the main coastal road, just north of Sidon. Three motorists were wounded.

Hezbollah has no known presence around Sidon, and certainly its Katyusha rockets could not reach northern Israel from the city. "The gunboats are again holding the whole of Lebanon hostage," said a senior Information Ministry official. "If this shelling isn't state terrorism, tell me what is."

It is perhaps no coincidence that Syria's influence in Lebanon begins just north of Sidon's Awali bridge. Under an informal agreement with Israel, none of Syria's 35,000 troops in Lebanon steps south of the red line marked by the Awali River.

Israel holds Syria, the main power-broker in Lebanon, mostly responsible for not curbing Hezbollah. And it is Syria, never directly involved, that is emerging as the winner in this latest proxy confrontation with Israel, according to many Arab and some Western commentators.

Certainly, President Assad's prestige has been enhanced by the number of Western foreign ministers beating a path to his door this weekend to seek his help in fixing a truce. However, until the guns fall silent, the dead of Qana are unlikely to be buried, officials say.

> ❛ Gunboats are again holding the whole of Lebanon hostage ❜

Blitz on guerrillas like 'tiger trying to catch a mosquito'

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

COMMENTARY

LEADING Israeli military and political commentators are agreed that the five shells fired by an Israeli 155mm howitzer towards a crowded United Nations base last Thursday have gravely damaged Operation Grapes of Wrath, which yesterday intensified beyond all the ten previous days.

"No excuse and no explanation can allay the impression of devastation and damage made by the pictures that were broadcast all over the globe of the mangled bodies of dozens of Lebanese victims," wrote Hami Shalev on the front page of *Maariv*. "From Thursday evening, Israel is again bogged down in the Lebanese mud."

Arieh O'Sullivan, distinguished defence analyst of the right-wing *Jerusalem Post*, agreed: "More than 12,000 artillery shells were fired with surgical precision into Lebanon in the [first] eight days of Operation Grapes of Wrath. The Israel Defence Force has boasted of accurate hits and showed off its sophisticated weaponry, which was supposed to avoid civilian casualties," he observed.

"But it took just five deadly rounds from a 155mm howitzer to bring the meticulously planned operation crashing down. The shelling of innocent refugees will go down in history as the turning point in Israel's latest foray into Lebanon."

Writing in *Haaretz*, Zeev Schiff, the doyen of Israeli defence commentators, noted that, whatever the operational causes of the massacre, its widescale political repercussions had damaged Israeli ambitions as set out when the blitz on Lebanon was launched 12 days ago.

Mr Schiff also attacked the top brass of the IDF for failing to realise that airstrikes are ineffective against such small targets as Katyusha rocket-launchers.

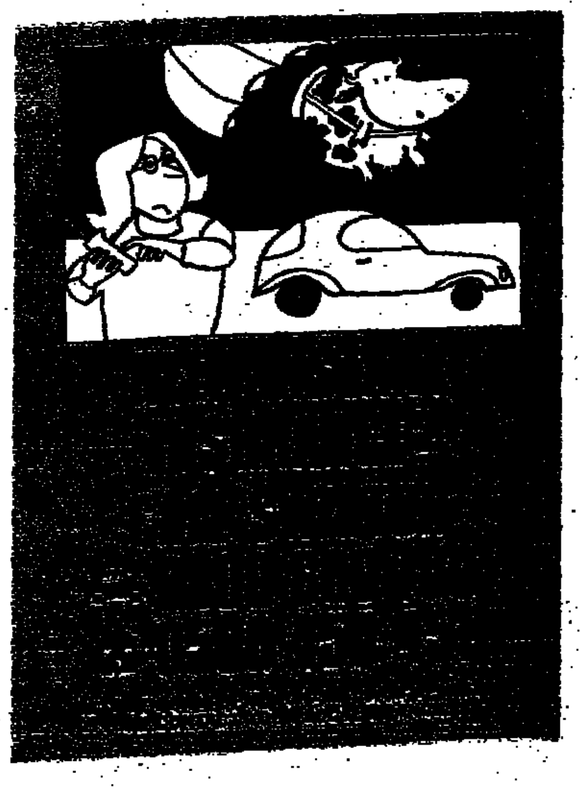
Making the same point, Mr O'Sullivan noted: "Despite all its bravado and state-of-the-art weapon systems, the IDF'S attempt to stop Hezbollah from firing Katyushas into northern Israel is like a tiger trying to catch a mosquito in his teeth."

Much of the blame for what was acknowledged by many Israelis as a public-relations disaster of the first water was heaped on the determination of the Israel Defence Force to overrate the capability of new weapons technology and the power of many of the top generals to dominate Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, who had no military background.

"Unlike Yitzhak Rabin [the late Prime Minister and a former chief of staff], who would have discussed with the heads of the army every little tactical step and would have been familiar with every hill and plain on the map, Peres is a civil Defence Minister who prefers to concentrate on the strategic picture," wrote Yoel Marcus, a columnist, who added that Mr Peres's domestic reputation will be tested by the results "in that the mountain will not beget a molehill".

Many seasoned war correspondents have been taken aback by the boylike enthusiasm with which top Israeli military commanders have shown off their sophisticated military toys, offering sanitised videos of "clean strikes" and apparently taking their cue from the daily press conferences which the Western allies gave in Saudi Arabia in 1991, when the airstrikes were launched on Baghdad.

"Then, as now, the military brass did not take account of the way that television has transformed modern warfare, especially so-called low-intensity operations," one Western intelligence expert said. "On that occasion you had Peter Arnett and his CNN cameras on the ground, telling their version of the reality, and the same happened in south Lebanon on Thursday: what good are Israeli claims of pinpoint accuracy against such images of horror?"



Identity clue aids hunt for killers

FROM REUTER IN CAIRO

EGYPTIAN police were yesterday combing the country's southern provinces for four gunmen who massacred 17 tourists and an Egyptian in Cairo on Thursday, after descriptions of the men tallied with those of three others on the run, according to newspaper reports.

The official daily *Al-Ahram* and *Al-Gomhouriya* said police were looking for three gunmen who hijacked a lorry and killed its driver near the village of Kafadah, in Minya province, on Friday.

Al-Ahram said descriptions given of the militants fitted reports by witnesses of Thursday's attack in front of Cairo's Europa Hotel. Witnesses to the Cairo and Minya attacks said the assailants spoke with a southern accent.

Egypt's largest militant organisation, Gamaa al-Islamiya, on Friday claimed responsibility for the attack on the tourists. The group said it had planned to kill Israelis instead.

Egypt's southern provinces of Assiut and Minya have been a bastion for the militant group fighting to overthrow the Government of President Mubarak since 1992.

The organisation has attacked senior officials, policemen, Egyptian Christians and tourists as part of its campaign to turn the country into a strict Islamic state.

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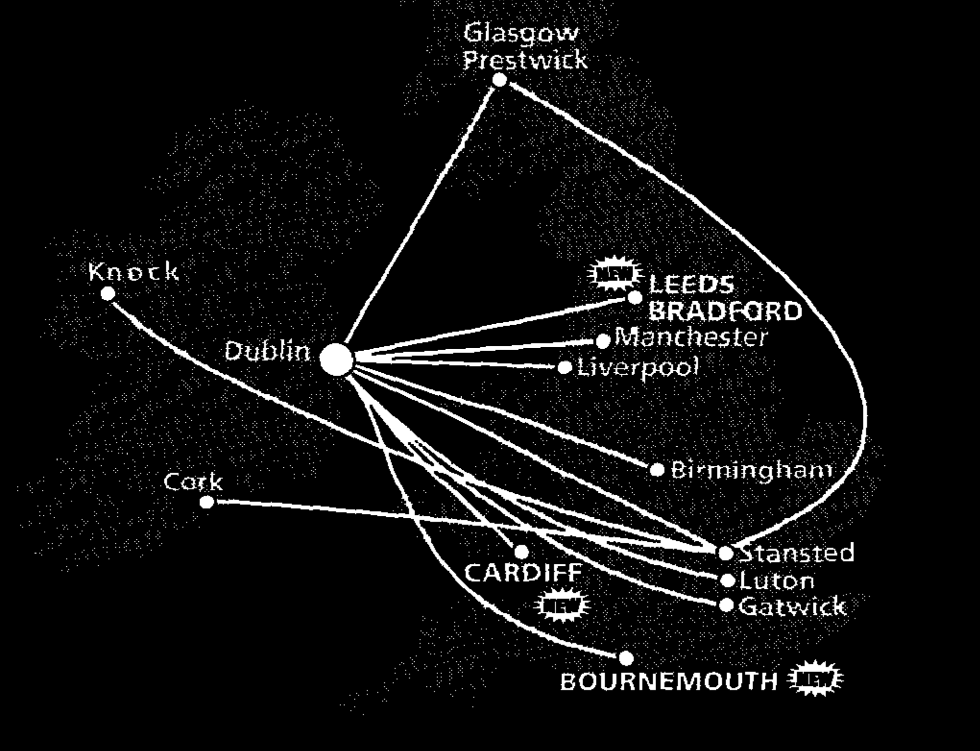

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US sends warships and diplomatic team to Liberia

By Ian Brodie in Washington and Our Foreign Staff

THE United States deployed a guarded show of force yesterday and sent a diplomatic mission to try to end the factional fighting that has wracked Liberia.

Four warships with 1,500 Marines on board appeared offshore from Monrovia, the capital, before dawn. Helicopters were soon swooping low over the city to drop 200 Marines at the American Embassy as replacements for paratroops guarding the compound for a week. The Marines will be able to provide humanitarian assistance.

As the Marines flew in, militia gunmen holed up in a barracks in the Liberian capital freed 127 people, including 71 foreigners, among thousands of civilians trapped there, peacekeepers said. The African peacekeeping force, Ecomog, said it secured the release of the people after negotiations that also enabled it to take control of central Monrovia after two weeks of militia warfare and looting.

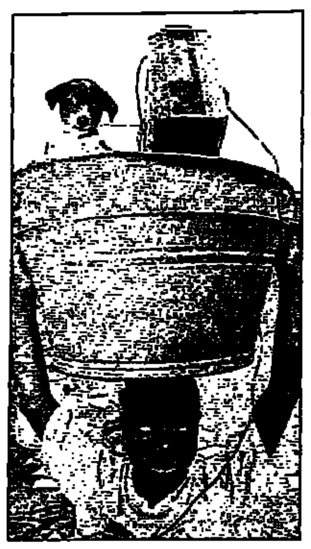
Residents emerged cautiously into the streets last night. Families with bundles headed home and generators hummed around the city centre as businessmen began clearing up their looted shops. Scores of bodies, half-eaten by dogs and birds, were reported to be lying unclaimed around the city, nine along just one block of Randall Street, which leads towards the Barclay Training Centre, the symbol of resistance by the Krahn tribe.

More than 200 people have now been freed from the barracks, according to an Ecomog statement. The foreigners were mostly West Africans but included 32 Lebanese, five Pakistanis and two Chinese, the statement said. American helicopters which have evacuated 2,000 foreigners, including 430 Americans, airlifted 78 other foreigners who left the besieged Barclay Training Centre on Saturday night.

Peacekeepers patrolled several areas of the city last night and there were no reports of fighting.

The fighting pits Krahn followers of Roosevelt Johnson against militia loyal to Charles Taylor and Alhaji Kroma, vice-chairmen on the ruling Council of State. Many of the combatants are armed boys not yet in their teens.

President Clinton and his advisers are wary of becoming too involved in the West African country, founded by freed American slaves, after their experience in Somalia, on Africa's east coast, where 18 Americans were killed in a single day trying to arrest a warlord.


A boy carrying goods, allegedly looted from a shop, through the streets of Monrovia

The American diplomatic mission, led by William Twaddell, a State Department official, includes members of Mr Clinton's National Security Council and officers working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They will act as brokers in the hope of extending a shaky ceasefire among the rival warlords after two weeks of chaos, death and a frenzy of looting unprecedented even by Liberian standards.

A White House statement said Washington was concerned about the breakdown of law and order and the loss of innocent lives. Factional leaders were urged to allow humanitarian assistance into Monrovia and to honour a peace agreement they reached last August that set up a transitional government. The Washington envoys will deliver a warning to the leaders, emphasising that America would not support any government that comes to power in Liberia by force.

Lorenzo Dorr, medical officer at the Barclay centre, said he was seeing fewer wounded patients, but with primitive conditions cholera was on the rise, with 300 cases, 100 of them fatal.

☐ **Monrovia:** Mohamed Doumuyan, Chief of Staff of the Liberian armed forces, was shot dead by Krahn fighters, a government statement said. *(AFP)*

A Sri Lankan soldier advances towards Tamil rebel positions in the Jaffna peninsula, where hand-to-hand fighting was reported between government troops and guerrillas. Infantry were supported by jets which bombed Tamil positions. But claims of strategic gains by the army

Jets and gunships pound Tamils

prompted fears of revenge attacks in the capital, Colombo. Figures released by the military said about 25 soldiers were wounded and two killed in the fighting while security forces recovered the bodies of 46 rebels. The Defence Ministry said Tigers had lost more than 80 men and women. The air force's latest acquisition, Israeli-built jets, were pressed into bombing behind enemy lines yesterday, while helicopter gunships and navy gunboats pounded a flotilla of 15 rebel boats, the ministry added. In London, a statement by the Tigers claimed helicopters attacked civilians trying to flee from the military onslaught. *(AFP)*

CIA reveals a scientific secret

By Ian Brodie

THE CIA broke with a tradition of secrecy yesterday to announce that John Craven had won its Scientist of the Year award.

It did so because Dr Craven, who has been a quadriplegic since 1971 when his neck was broken in a beach accident, has made revolutionary scientific advances typing into a computer by holding a pointer in his mouth.

He was given the award for three projects, one of which is secret, but the others deal with massively increasing the speed of computers and improving laser beam technology over long distances. "I've never really thought of myself as a 'spook'," Dr Craven said yesterday at his home near Washington. "We consider ourselves scientists who just happen to be working for the Government."

Gun lobby condemns British curbs

From Tom Rhodes in Dallas

UNTIL a few months ago Dunblane was unknown to most American gun owners, but in Dallas yesterday the tragedy in a small Scottish school was at the heart of their struggle to maintain the right to bear arms.

At the annual convention in a city made famous by the assassination of a former President, top officials from the National Rifle Association (NRA) launched a vehement assault on strict British gun controls which they claimed could never prevent another Dunblane.

"The system in the United Kingdom does not work at all," Neal Knox, the organisation's vice-president, said. "All the restrictions could not prevent a lunatic like Thomas Hamilton from doing what he did and now the response is that Britain wants to tighten the law even further. There have never been any examples of gun laws having an effect on violent crime."

The comments by Mr Knox and other leading NRA members were the most tangible evidence yet that events such as Dunblane and the Oklahoma City bombing last year, combined with a radical anti-government platform, have started to exact a toll on moderate membership of the group.

Tanya Metaksa, its chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill, said the incidents had been used to stigmatise her association. "The gun laws in Britain are so onerous that they affect the rights of freedom. They do not prevent people from committing a crime," she said.

Among the delegates sifting through weapons on display at the Dallas convention centre, the sentiment was much the same. The American Constitution has become the main symbol in their battle against President Clinton, the man they consider the most anti-gun President in American history.

Although the NRA has more than three million members, numbers have dropped by more than 400,000 in the past year and finances which helped to elect a Republican Congress in 1994 have plummeted to a deficit of $51.5 million (£34.3 million). Despite promises to see the repeal of Mr Clinton's ban on 19 types of assault weapon, the organisation has recognised that pushing for such unpopular legislation this year may harm the chances of electing the sympathetic Senator Bob Dole to the White House.

It was left to Charlton Heston, the veteran Hollywood actor, to bring the room to its feet with a resounding defence of the Constitution. "The Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms connects us to all that is right about America ... It shows us a path to pursue for liberty, but being politically correct is not the way to get there. If Americans believed in political correctness we would still be King George's boys subject to the British Crown," he said.

Dole team attacked over funds

Washington: Serious but disputed accusations were levelled against Bob Dole's presidential campaign yesterday, charging that it may have received thousands of dollars in illegally laundered contributions (Ian Brodie writes). If true, the allegations could further embarrass the Republican Senate leader, already within $2 million (£1.3 million) of campaign spending limits.

The *Kansas City Star* said staff at a Massachusetts sporting goods company were told to give money to the campaign in exchange for cash reimbursements — said to total $40,000. Their boss is a Republican fundraiser.

Lawyer's death investigated

New York: Police are investigating a car crash that killed one of the most prominent lawyers in America (Quentin Letts writes). Stephen Meyers, 53, co-founder of Jacoby & Meyers, a chain of litigation "shops", died at the wheel of his car in Connecticut. Mr Meyers recently ended his partnership with Leonard Jacoby. He and his wife Millie were closely involved in the early stages of Bill Clinton's campaign in 1992.

Reformists do well in Iran poll

Tehran: In bitterly fought elections that left no group in absolute control, Iranian conservatives lost their overall majority in parliament thanks to a challenge by Servants of Iran's Construction, a newly formed band of reformists. Some analysts said the conservative Combatant Clergy Association would end up with only 120 of the 270 seats, 20 fewer than at present. *(Reuter)*

Blizzard spoils polar picnic

New York: A rich widow has failed in her attempt to fly to the North Pole for a picnic. Marylou Whitney was frustrated by a week-long blizzard and had to settle for landing at the magnetic North Pole (Quentin Letts writes). The septuagenarian Mrs Whitney said she was "disappointed" but might try again next year.

Rifkind's China talks fail to heal rift

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

MALCOLM RIFKIND'S meeting at the weekend with China's Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen, failed to bridge the widening chasm between Britain and China over the future of Hong Kong.

The core of the crisis was exposed yesterday when Governor Chris Patten suggested that China's policies for Hong Kong were "a recipe for social turmoil, not community harmony".

Mr Rifkind described himself as satisfied with his two-hour conversation with Mr Qian in The Hague, and suggested that the people of Hong Kong would feel "great pleasure and reassurance".

But Mr Qian's spokesman said: "Britain has to face reality." This applied specifically, he said, to China's intention to establish a parallel government here before the 1997 takeover, in the form of an appointed legislative council. The spokesman went on to describe this as "a closed question".

Mr Rifkind's anodyne remarks were in marked contrast to Mr Patten's. The Governor referred to a "hamstrung" Bill of Rights and to the "snuffing out of the spirit of democracy". Mr Patten also described the survival of the present council as "a litmus test of what else will survive".

Malan trial papers link Buthelezi to 'dirty war' on ANC

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

CHIEF Mangosuthu Buthelezi, South Africa's Home Affairs Minister, has been more closely implicated in the apartheid state's "dirty war" against the African National Congress by secret documents.

The papers suggest the Inkatha Freedom Party leader was fully aware of the "offensive" nature of covert Inkatha paramilitary units used to assassinate ANC opponents during the 1980s. The disclosures threaten to exacerbate the fraught political situation in KwaZulu/Natal province.

The documents were handed into court on Friday in the case against General Magnus Malan, the former Defence Minister, and a group of military chiefs who, with Inkatha officials, are on trial for murder in connection with Operation Marion — codename for clandestine South African Defence Force support for Inkatha. It sought to undermine the ANC and was allegedly behind the 1985 massacre of 13 people at a supporter's home near Durban.

Buthelezi: opposed freedom for Mandela

In one document, army commander Kat Liebenberg allegedly said the operation would create "a small, full-time offensive element which can be used covertly against the UDF/ANC". The documents, for the first time, also point a finger at the former apartheid police generals Johan van der Merwe, Basie Smit and Jac Buchner.

The trial has heard how M. Z. Khumalo, Chief Buthelezi's then personal assistant, acted as go-between with the apartheid defence force in planning operations.

The documents also show how in 1985 Chief Buthelezi dismissed a campaign to have the ANC unbanned and Nelson Mandela released from prison as "irresponsible" while, in public, he was calling for the future President's sentence to be lifted.

Local government elections set for May 29 hang in the balance after the ANC in the province called for their postponement because of escalating violence. Inkatha has threatened to pull out of the Government if the poll is delayed. A decision will be taken later this week.

Prejudice darkens Olympic torch route

From Quentin Letts in New York

POLITICAL correctness has hit the Olympic Games. The Olympic torch, symbol of peace and reconciliation, will not be run through an Atlanta suburb represented by Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, because its residents are considered to be homophobic.

The people of Cobb County hoped to watch the flame being paraded down their tree-lined streets, but Games organisers have found an alternative route after protesters complained about a 1993 resolution Cobb residents took against homosexuality. The resolution, agreed by a majority of people in this mainly white neighbourhood of the 1996 Games' host city, condemned the "gay lifestyle".

After noisy protests by homosexuals about Cobb's "hate-mongering", the organisers of the 15,000-mile, 84-day torch run — which started in Greece last month — have capitulated. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said: "It is our goal to make the torch relay an exciting and memorable experience. We want to focus on the excitement of the event and not be distracted by other issues." Mark Johnson for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a leading anti-Cobbite, said: "The torch relay is an important symbol for all peoples around the world and we feel this sends the right message to hate-mongers." Mr Gingrich, however, spoke of a blatantly political response to a small, but vocal, group of protesters.

The torch run is not Cobb County's first Olympic loss. It was to have been the site for the volleyball competition, but that decision was reconsidered owing to the homophobia allegations.

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Time for Britain to call Helmut's bluff on forging an inner Euro-club

THIS WEEK IN EUROPE

If the British insist on being difficult in Europe, our old friend Jacques Delors said on *Panorama* the other day, then the countries which want to forge a federal Europe will have to go ahead on their own. We will have to write a new treaty without Britain, the former President of the European Commission said.

M Delors now enjoys a retirement career as a cross-border guru dispensing predictions on the future of the continent, life, the universe and just about everything. He can afford to say out loud what Helmut Kohl, for example, might be too tactful to mention when the German leader drops in on John Major next Monday. France's European Affairs Minister, Michel Barnier, did, however, brandish just that threat when his British opposite number, David Davis, was in Paris just after Easter.

France and Germany want John Major — and, of course, Tony Blair — to get the message that further displays of bad attitude by Britain will be punished by painful and expensive isolation. British governments, whether Tory or Labour, represent a society which wants to remain active in the EU, but which will not accept Franco-German federalism. Any government told that Britain will miss the bus, train, boat or plane should ask itself two questions: how genuine are these threats? And how far can they go?

If the single currency on which Herr Kohl has staked his reputation starts in 1999, an inner EU caucus is born. Many Whitehall officials fear this as the start of a "nightmare scenario".

Majority votes would bend the rules to allow between six and eight states to join the single currency. Members of the monetary union create a new Exchange Rate Mechanism for the rest of the EU, which is voluntary, but built to make qualifying for the new currency zone almost impossibly hard. "Out" currencies devalue or depreciate, triggering accusations from the insiders of unfair competition. Using (or rather misusing) Article 101 of the EU treaty and sympathetic judges in Luxembourg, France and its allies close the hard currency area to British exports. Business drifts away from the City of London and Japanese companies invest elsewhere.

John Major's question to Herr Kohl should be: are you ready to risk destroying the EU? Ring-fencing a single currency zone containing only half the EU's current members could wreck the single market. Can German politicians really devise a new European treaty which does not cut across the delicate web of obligations by which Germany has already tied itself to all its neighbours? And then ratify such a document in 1997 or 1998, during the crunch decisions on monetary union, as both France and Germany run up to general elections?

It won't wash. A bluff sits there waiting to be called. A British Prime Minister with nerve can tell Herr Kohl that, if the EU majority wants the single currency and creeping federalism so badly, Britain will stick to the letter of all its market freedoms, rights to take part in decisions and veto guarantees under the treaty. If Germany and France find this obstructive and inconvenient, then let them solve the problems of setting up shop all over again. Mr Major could rub salt into the wound by drawing Herr Kohl's attention to a little-noticed fact: the Labour Party is even less willing to accept a "flexible" EU run by an inner group than the Tories. A change of government in London won't deliver a malleable Britain.

Will John Major tell Big Helmut all this? Your guess is not just as good as mine; it is exactly the same.

GEORGE BROCK

Yeltsin refuses to back Clinton on Nato's move east

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin and President Clinton announced yesterday that they had made some headway in resolving disputes over two key arms control agreements after five hours of talks in the Kremlin.

But the two leaders, emerging from their tenth face-to-face meeting, also made clear they were still deadlocked on the thorny question of Nato's eastward expansion, which the Kremlin firmly opposes.

President Clinton said they had made some "important progress" on defining the limits of the anti-ballistic missile treaty, which has dogged arms control negotiators for nearly a quarter of a century. There had also been some breakthrough on resolving differences over the Conventional Forces in Europe treaty, to be reviewed next month to take into account Russia's new military commitments, particularly in the Caucasus.

Overall, however, the modest results of yesterday's bilateral meeting appeared to have matched the outcome of the summit, which ended on Saturday, on nuclear safety, hosted by the Kremlin leader for the heads of government of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries.

The highlight was Russia's declaration that it would join Western nuclear powers in imposing a total ban on atomic testing. Also the leaders received Ukraine's commitment to close Chernobyl's remaining two reactors. Leaders also agreed on unprecedented co-operation to protect fissile materials and to share intelligence to halt the theft and sale of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium.

However, environmentalists charged that, a decade after the Chernobyl accident, world leaders had missed an opportunity to improve global safety. "I cannot honestly say that we are better protected from another nuclear accident today than we were ten years ago," said one American official, adding that the West had failed to provide fresh funds to tackle the immediate safety and security problems in the former Soviet Union.

Aside from the nuclear issues, the Kremlin leadership will be anxious to see what effect the summit has on the political fortunes of President Yeltsin, who hosted the meeting in part to boost his June re-election hopes.

Certainly he performed creditably before the cameras, projecting himself as a statesman on the world stage. His guests, who conveniently skirted controversial issues such as the unpopular conflict in Chechenia, made clear they backed his reformist policies.

John Major had a verbal clash with the President's main political rival, Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader. President Chirac of France praised the Kremlin leader, whom he credited with restoring Russia's "grandeur". President Clinton began and ended his visit with a bear hug for his host and, after a Moscow walkabout at the weekend, declared the Russian people "positive and upbeat". The Japanese Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, called the Russian leader a "good friend".

Asked if the summit was a plug for Mr Yeltsin, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, replied: "And what's bad about that? I got the impression his health is good and he is ready to go into battle."

Nevertheless, how Western support will be viewed by the Russian electorate is another matter. Much of the recent success of the hardline Communist and nationalist politicians has been rooted in strong anti-Western rhetoric.

But if the Russian people perceived their President as "too close" to the G7 leaders, the summit could turn out to be a political liability rather than an asset.

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Bran loaf and wine on rare walkabout

BY RICHARD BEESTON

A NEWCOMER to Moscow would have been forgiven for believing that President Clinton, rather than President Yeltsin, was running for re-election in Russia.

Astonished Muscovites could barely avoid bumping into the American leader, as he broke local custom and went on a tour of Moscow, buying bread, chatting to pensioners and dining in one of the city's best-loved restaurants.

In a country where the leadership rarely ventures outside the protection of its Zil limousines or the walls of the Kremlin, Mr Clinton said that he wanted to "get out and get a feel for the people in the street and see what they were thinking". His search led to authentic Russian encounters. In a bakery off Red Square, the President was persuaded to buy bran bread from a saleswoman who advised him that the traditional Russian loaf would do him good. One elderly woman, accosted by Mr Clinton, insisted on relating the problems facing her family. "She was touching. She said that she had a son who was trained as an engineer but that he was an alcoholic," Mr Clinton said.

Mr Clinton, who first visited Russia as a student, has used this trip as much for official meetings as sightseeing. He spent a day in St Petersburg, mainly to tour the Hermitage Museum. In Moscow he walked round Red Square and the stunning Novodevichi Convent, visiting the graves of Nikita Khrushchev and Nadezhda, Stalin's wife.

He made his biggest impact on Saturday night, when he arrived unannounced for dinner at U Pirosmani, a rustic Georgian restaurant, famed for its food and music. The American leader was treated to the traditional Georgian hors d'oeuvres of spicy meat, bread with melted cheese and the country's famous walnut sauce. Perhaps in deference to democratic tastes, Mr Clinton was served Mukuzani, a dry red wine, instead of the heavier Khvanchkara, a full-bodied wine favoured by Stalin.

Caviare of the tuber world is smash hit

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A basket of Bonnotte de Noirmoutier potatoes is displayed at an auction in Paris, where prices reached £180 a pound

A RARE variety of French potato brought back from the edge of extinction went on sale at a Paris auction house at the weekend, where it reached the record price of £180 a pound.

The Bonnotte de Noirmoutier potato, which almost died out in the 1960s, is the caviare of the tuber world with a delicate taste that gastronomic experts say could not be further removed from the humble spud.

Like all superstars, the Bonnotte is a fragile and tender being that cannot tolerate rough handling or mechanical harvesting. By 1965 it had all but vanished from French fields, but last year the National Institute for Agricultural Research teamed up with farmers in the Noirmoutier area of the Vendée in the northwest to produce a small crop of the potato.

To mark this year's harvest, a grand sale was held on Saturday at the Drouot auction house in Paris, an establishment more used to selling rare paintings and antique furniture than groceries. All profits went to charity.

The potatoes are grown on a bed of seaweed and planted and picked by hand. The growing cycle begins on February 2 and ends exactly 90 days later. The slightest bruising results in self-mashed potato. Gourmets describe the taste as subtle, sweet and slightly fishy.

The choicest lots of potatoes at auction reached Fr3,000 (£387) a kilo — just over 2lb — although several canny chefs snapped up comparative bargains by buying more gnarled specimens.

"This may seem like folly, but it's a worthwhile folly since you can only eat them once a year," one buyer said, expressing the true spirit of French gastronomy in which rarity is at least as important as flavour. The Bonnotte is traditionally pan-sautéed in butter, which suggests a humbling moral: no matter how expensive it may be, even the greatest aristocrat of the potato world ends up as chips.

'Saint' sullied in Holocaust row

BY BEN MACINTYRE

Abbé Pierre: has not read book he defends

ABBE PIERRE, the celebrated champion of good causes consistently voted France's most popular man, has come under attack for defending an author who claims the Nazi genocide has been exaggerated.

The Roman Catholic priest, 83, who helped Jews to escape from France in the Second World War, is widely regarded as a living saint, but even his staunchest supporters are dismayed at his defence of a revisionist French historian.

Roger Garaudy's book, The Founding Myths of Israeli Policy, has provoked a furore by arguing Nazi killings of Jews should be termed "massacres", not a "holocaust", and by calling the Nuremberg trials "a myth of justice".

The French anti-racist group MRAP has filed a lawsuit, to be heard on Thursday, against M Garaudy for "illegal revisionism". But in a five-page letter published last weekend the abbé described the author as "a true historian" and "an honest man".

"Some facts are indisputable," he insisted yesterday, pointing out that a plaque at Auschwitz concentration camp commemorates the deaths of four million people, when the "figure of one million is generally agreed".

In a letter to M Garaudy, also 83 and a long-time friend, he said: "To confuse your book with 'revisionism' is a deception, a true calumny." But his defence has been undermined by an admission that he has not read the work.

The abbé has built a vast following by defending the homeless and destitute. Now his reputation as France's moral conscience has been severely dented.

High voter turnout as Italy heads for electoral deadlock

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

DEFYING predictions of apathy, Italians turned out in large numbers in balmy spring weather yesterday to vote for the third time in four years.

Commentators said the chances of a decisive result were slim, and Italy appeared to be headed for political deadlock last night despite reforms designed to end unstable coalitions and "revolving door" governments. Newspapers spoke of an unprecedented "grand coalition" to complete the transition to a more stable democracy which began three years ago when the discredited Christian Democrat "old guard" was ousted after four decades.

A clearer picture will emerge when final votes are counted today, but yesterday the main party leaders for the first time raised the possibility of a coalition between the Centre Left, led by Romano Prodi, and the Centre Right, led by Silvio Berlusconi, to agree on further constitutional reforms.

Fears of a low turnout appeared unfounded, with many voters going to the polling stations early before heading for the beaches and hills to enjoy the sunny weather. Yesterday's election was held on a single day for the first time.

The next Government will be the fifty-fifth since the Second World War. The final debates held between Signor Prodi, an economics professor who has never occupied elected office, and Signor Berlusconi, the media tycoon who was briefly Prime Minister two years ago, were unusually good-tempered.

Both men agreed that a grand coalition was an option. It would bring into government for the first time the former Communists, now the Party of the Democratic Left (PDS), which is the core of Signor Prodi's "Olive Tree" bloc. Post-election manoeuvring is likely to take days or weeks.

At the last elections in March 1994, Forza Italia won 101 seats and the "post-Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale 105 in the lower house. With Christian Democratic allies and the 106 Northern League deputies, the Centre Right had 366 seats.

The Left, then known as the Progressive Alliance, had 213, of which the PDS had 115. However, new Centre parties allied to the former Communists have since appeared.

Total ban ruled out as talks seek tighter rules for landmines

BY PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA AND LEYLA LINTON

DESPITE growing international outrage at the killing or maiming of an estimated 25,000 civilians by landmines every year, the weapons will not be banned at a two-week disarmament conference which opens here today.

An opinion poll released by the International Committee of the Red Cross to coincide with the UN conference indicates that a large majority of people in 21 countries favours a total ban. Support ranged from 58 per cent in Japan to 92 per cent in Denmark.

Global negotiations are aimed at tightening existing rules on the use of mines. Officials involved in the Geneva talks say a ban on production and use will not be discussed. After two years of negotiations, the more than 50 countries taking part in the Review Conference have been unable to resolve the landmine issue.

Technical measures discussed include "smart mines", which deactivate or self-destruct 30 days after they have been laid, and rules to keep "dumb mines" in clearly marked and fenced areas. The proposals would also make mines more easily detectable. A draft of the protocol indicates that governments would have eight years to conform to the new rules.

Campaigners for a total ban claim they have gained the support in recent weeks of several leading military figures, including the former Gulf War commanders, retired Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Sir Peter de la Billière.

At least 23 governments have indicated they would support an outright ban. Britain, China, India, some non-aligned countries and America believe that anti-personnel mines still have a military value. Britain has declared a moratorium on exports of "dumb mines". Campaigners in Britain, including Sir David Puttnam, will hand a petition to John Major today calling on the Government to support a global ban on landmines. The UK Working Group on Landmines has gathered 180,000 signatures.

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD

■ **VISUAL ART**

Leeds City Art Gallery mounts a major show of Jasper Johns's sculpture

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow

■ **THEATRE**

Harold Pinter puts *Twelve Angry Men* on stage at the Comedy

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday

■ **MAGIC**

An acquired taste for the tasteless: Penn and Teller bring their tricks to Sadler's Wells

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

■ **OPERA**

Cry freedom: the English National Opera stages Beethoven's *Fidelio* at the Coliseum

OPENS: Wednesday
REVIEW: Friday

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

TWELVE ANGRY MEN The 12 actors include Peter Vaughan, Timothy West and Kevin Whateley and the director is Harold Pinter. Michael Edwards and Carole Winter, in a co-production with the Bristol Old Vic, present Reginald Rose's celebrated jury-room drama.
Comedy, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm.

GREAT ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD: The series concludes with a performance by the young, dynamic **Budapest Festival Orchestra**. The conductor Ivan Fischer opens with Liszt's second symphonic poem, *Tasso, lamento e trionfo*, and the concert ends with Mahler's *Sixth Symphony* — the most personal and emotionally-charged of all his works.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

NFMS YOUNG ARTISTS' CONCERT. William Purefoy and Stephen Wallace, countertenors, Roderick Williams and Jeremy Huw Williams, baritones, perform a delightful selection of songs, arias and duets by composers ranging from Bach to Wolf. Accompanied on the piano by Susie Allan and Nigel Foster, they include Milhaud's *Catalogue de fleurs* and Tippett's *Songs for Ariel*.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BRIGHTON: One week only for **That Good Night**, the new N.J. Crisp thriller. Donald Sinden is a veteran film director trying, perhaps unwisely, to make peace with his estranged son. Edward Hall directs a company that includes Lucy Fleming and Nigel Davenport.
Theatre Royal, New Road (01273 328488). Opens tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs 2.30pm, Sat 4pm. Next in **Leeds**, Grand Ⓢ (0113-245 9351).

EASTBOURNE: **The Canterbury Tales** are back on the road, played as a modern-day storytelling competition, with a nervous vicar as MC (Brian Cant) and Brian Glover as the irrepressible Miller. Adapted by Michael Bogdanov and written by Robin Davies.
Devonshire Park, Compton Street Ⓢ (01323 412 000). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. Next in **Cheltenham**, Everyman Ⓢ (01242 572573)

EDINBURGH: On a lean day for music around the regions, the **Chamber Group of Scotland** gives a selection of colourful Scandinavian music. Per Norgård, Magnus Lindberg, Kaija Saariaho and Karsten Fundal are among the featured composers, while Mats Larsson offers a new commission, *The Ride of the Valkyries II*.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, EH8 (0131-668 2019). Tonight, 7.45pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Contemporary Print Show: Part 1 (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Vases and Volcanoes. Sir William Hamilton collection (0171-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld**: Drawings by Thomas Gainsborough (071-873 2526) . . . **Hayward**: Spellbound: Art and Film (071-928 3144) . . . **Llewellyn Alexander Gallery**: A Million Brush-strokes IV: miniatures (0171-620 1322) . . . **Museum of London**: London on Film (0171-600 0807) . . . **National Gallery**: Old Master paintings from Rome's Doria Pamphilj Gallery (0171-747 2885) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: David Livingstone and the Victorian Encounter with Africa: The Room in View (0171-306 0055) . . . **Richard Green**: 14 paintings by L.S. Lowry (1071-493 3939) . . . **Royal Academy**: Gustave Caillebotte (0171-439 7438) . . . **Tate**: Cézanne; Bill Woodrow: 15 bronze statues (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Arts and Crafts Architecture (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH**: Award-winning first play from yet another Irish prodigy: Jimmy Murphy's comic tragedy of three Dublin house painters pitted against each other by their demanding boss. A Soho Theatre Co co-production directed by Rough Magic's Lynne Parker.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 3334). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm.

☐ **CHAPTER TWO**: Tom Conti and Sharon Gless play unattached New Yorkers whirling towards each other in Neil Simon's comedy. Not his best.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm.

◪ **THE DEVIL IS AN ASS**: Successful revival of Ben Jonson's adventures of a junior devil in a sleazy London he soon finds to be far worse than Hell.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm; mats Sat, 2pm. Opens Apr 24, 7pm. Then in rep. Ⓢ

◪ **LA DOLCE VITA**: New David Glass production, derived from the Fellini film that introduced us to the word *paparazzi*. A puzzling project, diminishing the material. Last week.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

☐ **ELVIS**: Revival of the 20-year-old tribute show. P.J. Proby plays the Vegas Elvis, newcomer Alexander Bar is the teenager, and Tim Whitnall (the teenager 20 years ago) now plays the Pelvis in his prime. Positively no emphasis on the late-night gorging on peanut butter and jello torpedoes.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street W1 (0171-839 5972). Mon-Thurs 8pm; Fri and Sat, 5.30 and 8.30pm

☐ **ENDGAME**: Alun Armstrong and Stephen Dillane in Katie Mitchell's production of middle period Beckett.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 4pm. Until May 25 Ⓢ

◪ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as the pillars of society.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **MISS JULIE**: Actors Touring Co bring the second of this spring's three productions of Strindberg's drama. Nick Philippou directs Kate Fenwick, Kristin Hewson and Peter Lindford, using Gregory Motton's translation.
Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 5387). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until May 11.

■ **SOME SUNNY DAY**: Martin Sherman's stimulating new play, set in Cairo in 1942 where the Brits are reduced to stiff-lipped panic, wife-murder and other courses appropriate to changing one's life. Splendid cast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

◪ **TOMMY**: Hugely impressive staging of the traumatised child's apotheosis to pinball wizard. Loads of electronic tricks disguise the improbability.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ ***Blood Brothers***: *Phoenix* (0171-369 1733) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . . ◪ **Fame: The Musical**: Cambridge (0171-494 5083) . . . ☐ **Funny Money**: Playhouse (0171-839 4401) . . . ◪ **Jolson**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . . ☐ **Mack and Mabel**: Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) . . . ☐ **Oliver!**: Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BEFORE AND AFTER** (12): Glum family drama with Meryl Streep and Liam Neeson as parents of a teenager accused of murder. Director, Barbet Schroder.
Odeons: Kensington (01426-914 666) **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (0171-586 3057)

SMOKE (15): Criss-crossing lives in Brooklyn. Agreeable, talky piece written by Paul Auster, with Harvey Keitel and William Hurt. Director, Wayne Wang.
Everyman Ⓢ (0171-435 1525) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **TWELVE MONKEYS** (15): Unwieldy extravaganza from Terry Gilliam, with Bruce Willis as the time-traveller seeking the source of a virus. With Madeleine Stowe, Brad Pitt.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

UNZIPPED (15): Exuberant documentary about fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi as he creates a new collection. Director, Douglas Keeve.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

CURRENT

◆ **CITY HALL** (15): Something's rotten in the city of New York, even with Al Pacino as Mayor. Watchable drama with John Cusack, Bridget Fonda and Danny Aiello. Director, Harold Becker.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DEAD MAN WALKING** (15): Oscar winner Susan Sarandon visits Sean Penn on Death Row. Powerful, carefully balanced drama. Director, Tim Robbins.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **GET SHORTY** (15): John Travolta's loanshark takes on the movie business. Entertaining but trivial comedy from Elmore Leonard's novel. Director, Barry Sonnenfeld. With Danny De Vito, Gene Hackman, Rene Russo, Delroy Lindo.
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

NELLY AND MONSIEUR ARNAUD (PG): Claude Sautet's marvellously subtle tale about an older man and a younger woman, with Michel Serrault and Emmanuelle Béart.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

◆ **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** (U): Emma Thompson's radiant adaptation of Jane Austen's early novel. With Kate Winslet. Director, Ang Lee.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

SMALL FACES (18): Gillies and Billy MacKinnon's marvellous evocation of a Glasgow childhood in the late 1960s.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **TRAINSPOTTING** (18): Abrasive look at junkie life, from Irvine Welsh's novel, made by the *Shallow Grave* team. Director, Danny Boyle.
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LINDSAY MAGGS

She plays, she sings, she's the coolest woman in rock: Kim Gordon commands centre-stage for the umpteenth time

Sonic the sledgehammer

POP

Sonic Youth
Forum, NW5

Although it is now 15 years since they first formed in New York, Sonic Youth have somehow managed to transcend the vagaries of fashion. They have been at the forefront of many scenes — it was their memorable 1989 tour with Mudhoney which first brought grunge to Britain, and they were instrumental in getting Nirvana signed to a major label — but they have never been inextricably linked to a particular time or movement.

Sonic Youth are simply a great rock'n'roll band. As if to confirm this, they opened their set with *Schizophrenia* and *White Kross*, two songs from their 1987 album *Sister*, the record which first saw them channel their experimental noise into a more conventional rock sound. These days, those songs sound better than ever, enhanced by a light show and stellar stage props of which Hawkwind would have been proud.

From there, Sonic Youth fast-forwarded to the title track of their current album, *Washing Machine*. This is Kim Gordon's song — as, in many ways, it is her album — and she took centre-stage all night. Long an inspiration to other female musicians (she produced Hole's debut album before most people had heard the name Courtney Love), and frequently cited as the coolest woman in rock, Gordon was in fine form. She alternated between singing lead vocals and playing bass while doing a unique kind of head down, on-the-spot jig.

After *Washing Machine*, she and guitarist Thurston Moore took it in turns to sing two further songs from the new album, *Saucer-Like* and *Becuz*, with Gordon occasionally turning her back on the audience to face drummer Steve Shelley, while Moore and guitarist Lee Ranaldo stayed at the sides of the stage. Then they played *Sugar Kane*, one of the great poppy moments from their 1992 album *Dirty*, and the audience was reduced to a sea of bobbing heads.

However, Sonic Youth did not take this as a signal to start doing all their old favourites and continued to play songs from their two most recent albums. Ranaldo provided a temporary moment of calm when he sang *Starfield Road*, but the set became progressively noisier, culminating in *The Diamond Sea*, which started off with Moore singing a quiet yearning melody and developed into a 15-minute display of instrumental madness and epic feedback. Back for an encore of *Skink* and *Junkie's Promise*, the band continued in the same vein, still resisting their back catalogue. On this form, Sonic Youth do not need it.

ANN SCANLON

Safe at any speed

Mike & the Mechanics
Albert Hall

THERE are few softer targets than Mike Rutherford and his band of loyal artisans. Their family-value, fortysomething rock has critics picking them off at will, but their occasional tours are sell-outs and their *Hits* album is heading for platinum status.

In the 11 years since Rutherford first called up his troops — during an "off year" from his day job with Genesis — they have had only one Top Ten single (*The Living Years*, in 1989), but the Albert Hall audience was on humming terms with countless others on Thursday night.

For openers, US gospel-popsters Blessid Union of Souls peeled off some screechy guitar solos and warmed a few hands with *I Believe* — a moderate hit here last year that hit the spot with this audience of commercial radio listeners. That is how crowds may now be demographically identified: that tune, like almost all of the Mechanics' handiwork, is a natural for commercial programmers but fits Radio 1 about as snugly as Status Quo do these days.

Rutherford may have had a stage presence bypass — his idea of whipping up the audience was to tell them "We're going to be onstage for quite some time" — but at least he had the gumption to do more than just spend the last decade at home counting his Genesis stash. And around him is a rock-solid team: Tim Renwick for those trickier guitar solos and, in Paul Carrack and Paul Young, vocalists of vast experience to share the spotlight.

Thus unfolded the *Hits* album and more besides, Carrack in particular adding to his reputation as one of Britain's most undervalued vocalists, especially on what is perhaps the band's best song, *Over My Shoulder*. The dreaded medley tactic was also used to tumultuous response, allowing Carrack to deliver his own *How Long* and Young to play a surrogate Phil Collins on *I Can't Dance*. No, they can't. Nor are they hip and happening — but just listen to those cash registers.

PAUL SEXTON

EARLY MUSIC

Visions made sound

Sinfonye
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THE current cult of Hildegard of Bingen is quite extraordinary. But, then, she was an extraordinary woman. A prolific composer, visionary writer, theologian and scientist, she brought profound insight to subjects as varied as the nature of the universe and female sexuality.

No doubt the attraction in recent times may stem from the unusual status she holds as a 12th-century woman composer, a rare enough phenomenon, all the more impressive because of the sheer quality of her music.

Some 20 years after Gothic Voices' bestselling recording of some of her Latin monophonic songs, Sinfonye, an excellent all-female ensemble, has embarked on recording the complete Hildegard, launched with a *son et lumière* spectacular at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. Some of the illustrations to Hildegard's books of prophetic visions were projected onto a backdrop while readings from her writings linked 13 of her songs in a display of her creative genius. Angels' wings, stars and flames adorned striking circular or oval patterns populated by strange, composite figures. The readings, by Rose English, described the visions equally graphically and provided a gentle, logical framework for the music.

The four women singers of Sinfonye were joined by the Oxford Girls' Choir. These young girls have clearly grasped the essence of Hildegard's often expansive and highly intricate melodies, their voices agile and sweet-toned. The youngest-looking of all, Victoria Couper, sang her solo with a musical maturity that would knock spots off most boy trebles.

The range of melody in terms of both pitch and style is considerable, one of the most extreme examples here being *O vos angeli*. This suddenly soars into the vocal stratosphere in a realisation in sound of the visionary qualities of a woman who claimed to have had no formal musical training.

Vocal drones and the accompaniment of the hurdy-gurdy added a foil for these ecstatic melodic lines in imaginative and compelling ways.

TESS KNIGHTON

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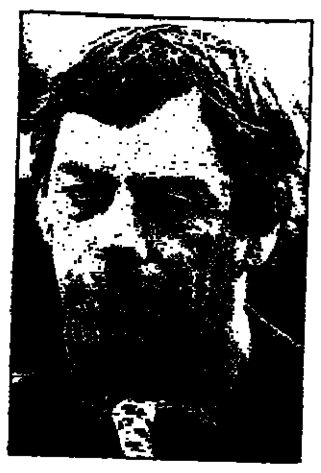

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SCOT STRIKES GOLD ON STREETS OF LONDON

McColgan warms to marathon challenge

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

LIZ McCOLGAN, advised two and a half years ago that she would never run again, yesterday completed her rehabilitation from injury by winning the women's section of the Flora London Marathon. It ranks among her finest victories.

If the manner of her run spoke of a new McColgan — wise and patient — her reaction to it was the McColgan of old; nice to win but the Olympics are what count. "I have got to rate it as a good performance but it is a stepping-stone to the Olympics," she said. And a rock in the path of other contenders. McColgan's winning time, 2hr 27min 54sec, was as fast as anybody could reasonably have expected on a day of record high temperatures for the race.

In her two previous London Marathon attempts, McColgan had finished third and fifth. When, in 1992, she was signed by David Bedford, the race director, for some £500,000 to run the event three times, she was the BBC Sports Personality of the Year, world 10,000 metres champion and had just recorded the fastest marathon debut by a woman. Yesterday, finally, McColgan gave Bedford full value for money.

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The confidence this victory will give her for the Olympics cannot be underestimated. "My rivals are going to have to do something extra special if I am not going to come back from Atlanta with gold," she said. The heat and humidity of Atlanta have been bones of contention among the distance-running fraternity but McColgan's greatest triumph; her 1991 10,000 metres world title, was achieved in the oppressive heat of Tokyo.

"I am confident it will not bother me," she said. "It will be a tough course but I am a tough runner." You have not seen anything yet from McColgan in the marathon and it is not just her saying it this time. "Conditions in Atlanta will not bother Liz," Grete Waitz said. Waitz believes that, in cooler weather, McColgan can go under 2:25. The influence Waitz, a former world champion and double London winner, has had as her coach for the past year has been pivotal in directing McColgan away from self-destruction after two medical experts had told her to forget running because of two knee operations. Her knee, and other injuries, combined to plague her for 18 months.

After her fifth place in the London Marathon last year, McColgan acknowledged that she was not getting the best out of herself and accepted an offer from Waitz to coach her. Waitz reduced her mileage, increased the intensity of her hard training sessions and the frequency of her easy days, and told her to take a cautious approach to the race.

McColgan, a long-standing member of the front-runners' club, lapsed her membership yesterday. So cautious was she that, when three runners set off faster than her, she allowed the gap to grow to 2min 06sec at 14 miles. "The strategy was to hold back but she held back too much and made me nervous," Waitz said. "If I had been in Liz's shoes I would not have let them get so far ahead that I could not see them."

It was a lesson she will be drumming into McColgan before the Olympics. Although "the Olympics is not going to be a fast race", in Waitz's opinion, she does not want her athlete dawdling during the first half. At halfway, McColgan wondered whether she might have blown it. The leader, Anita Haakenstad, from Norway, who faded to finish fifth, reached the halfway point in 73:31.

McColgan picked up her running on the fifteenth mile. On the eighteenth, she drew away from Angelina Kanana, from Kenya, leaving only Haakenstad and Firaya Sultanova, from Russia, ahead of her. At 19 miles, McColgan passed Sultanova but Haakenstad was still 45sec down the road. A 21st mile in 5min 27sec took her into the lead and a 22nd in 5.34 gave her a decisive advantage.

Running the last five miles unchallenged, McColgan crossed the finish line showing no sign of discomfort. A glance back down The Mall revealed that Joyce Chepchumba, from Kenya, on her way to finishing second, was not in sight.

It was McColgan's fastest time in five marathons since her 2:27.32 debut in 1991. Chepchumba recorded 2:30.09 and Malgorzata Sobanska, the defending champion from Poland, was third in 2:30.17.

McColgan raises her arms in triumph after her comfortable victory at the third attempt in the London Marathon yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

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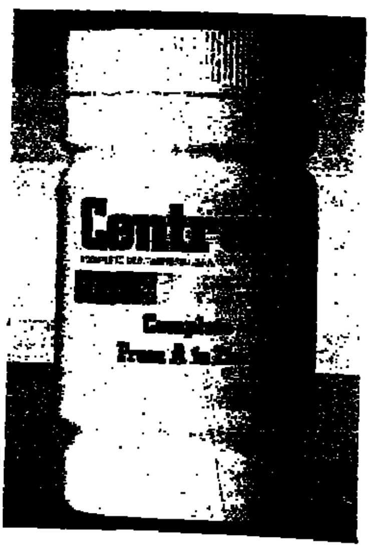

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Coleman & Co enjoy quite extraordinary day

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TV ACTION REPLAY

We are used to Brendan Foster getting things right, but David Coleman as well? Truly, the gods had smiled upon the BBC. The sun was shining, the mobile cameras were all working and, best of all, there was a new jazz band at the City Pride on the Isle of Dogs. For the first time in living memory, watching the London Marathon would not mean listening to *Oh When The Saints* for two hours.

But when even the predictions from the commentary started coming true, we knew something pretty remarkable was afoot. "Today is the day for Liz McColgan to win," said Foster confidently, a few minutes before the start. So it proved, as Coleman relayed some 16 miles into the elite women's race: "And the news of Anita Haakenstad is that she is slowing." Normally, that would be the cue for Haakenstad to sprint past her police outrider and set a world record. But not yesterday. Slowly, painfully, enthrallingly, Haakenstad was reeled in by McColgan — just as Coleman had predicted. Quite extraordinary, as the great man might say.

Technically, the triumph that was yesterday cannot be overlooked. With almost 40 cameras out on the course — on motorbikes, in helicopters, one even on the Docklands Light Railway — the potential for disaster was considerable. Last year's pictures were plagued by interference. Yesterday, they were perfect.

Only two wonderfully comic attempts to talk to race officials riding in the lead cars showed that the BBC's command of the ether was not absolute. On both occasions Coleman made crystal-clear contact with the person he was expecting to, but on both occasions communication began and ended with his first question.

Editorially, there were one or two problems. If Dionicio Cerón looked a little underwhelmed on the winner's rostrum, he had good reason. For the second year running, his perfectly-timed late break for victory had been missed by cameras which, quite understandably, preferred to linger on the final stages of McColgan's race. But after watching a tediously tactical men's race for the best part of two hours, it was a shame to miss the one real moment of excitement.

The organisers should consider whether start times that ensure that the men always play second fiddle to the women is the best solution, especially for television coverage. And, if anyone is rethinking the starts, could they not be made just a little more spectacular? A limply-dropped flag not only confuses the athletes, it makes lousy television.

Other problems, however, are within the BBC's remit. Although I am sure no slight was intended, Coleman would no doubt accept that calling a young, black athlete "boy" was not a particularly clever move. Nor was the coverage of the disabled races impressive.

Paul Dickenson and Chris Hallam did a good job with the pictures they were fed but, somewhere along the line, somebody not only managed to miss Tanni Grey, the record-setting winner of the women's race, altogether, but gave the race to Rose Hill. Similarly, Bogdan Krol, second in the men's race, slipped through unnoticed and unfeted. To its credit, however, the BBC owned up to the errors at the start of the day's second programme.

The star of this second programme, when the masses get the chance of 30 seconds of television glory, was Sue Barker who was on top form. No sooner had she claimed a television first by apparently interviewing a blow-up doll, than she was being quite enchantingly serenaded by a barber shop choir rather suspiciously long on breath. "Sweet and lovely, that's what you are to me," they sang on bended knee. Barker was overcome, temporarily lost for words. Coleman, however, was not. "They never sang that for Bob Wilson." It had been a good day.

Faxes and figures comfort Norman

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN HILTON HEAD ISLAND

SANDY LYLE set off for Greensboro, North Carolina, yesterday afternoon ready to compete in a tournament he has won twice in his career. Lyle felt buoyed by some good ball striking in his fourth round of the MCI Classic on the Harbour Town Golf Links here, a 69 that gave him a 72-hole total of two over par, yet he was concerned that his putting was hampering him.

Lyle is realistic enough to realise that major championships are beyond his reach these days. He has competed in ten events in the US this year and made the cut in five of them. Yet he still persists in his belief that if he could rediscover some form with his putter then victory in an event on the US tour or in Europe is not beyond him. At 38 and with winnings in the US this year of $45,000, three times as much as in 1995, he is determined not to accept that his best days are behind him.

As Lyle, the first man out on a lovely clear morning with a pleasant on-shore wind, concluded his fourth round, Greg Norman had just started his. Ten years ago Lyle and Norman were spoken of in the same breath. Now Lyle is used only to put Norman's misadventures into perspective.

Lyle, who had missed the cut, was watching television as Norman endured his collapse in last Sunday's Masters. "I couldn't believe it," Lyle, the champion in 1988, said. "I was gasping. I thought that it was over with that chip of Greg's to the 10th. That was an anxious, careless chip. But it wasn't too clever to miss the 9th green the way he did either."

All week it has seemed that everyone in the US has been talking about nothing else but Greg Norman. Flicking my television from channel to channel on Friday night I came upon the foreign affairs experts talking about Bosnia. One of them managed to refer to a Greg Norman situation.

On Saturday afternoon a heckler called Norman a choker as he was leaving the 18th tee in his third round. An obviously angry Norman moved to the gallery ropes and the man asked: "Why did you choke last week? You cost me money." The man was later taken away and charged with disorderly conduct and being drunk.

Leading scores 36

Norman's playing partner on Saturday and again yesterday was Charlie Rymer, a local professional who apologised graciously to Norman for the rudeness of local fans.

On the first tee in the fourth round Rymer said to Norman: "We'll be all right today, Greg. I've got a gun in my bag." The jokes did not take long to start to circulate. One goes as follows: Holden, an Australian car manufacturer with whom Norman has a business association, are bring out a new car, the Greg Norman edition — with automatic choke.

Meanwhile, 400 miles south, Frank Williams, Norman's manager, continued to sift through the 3,000 faxes that had arrived at the offices of Great White Shark Inc. Of that number only two were abusive. One said, simply: "you choker." The other: "You ass. You're too rich."

The Sydney Morning Herald printed Norman's fax number, imploring Australians to demonstrate their support for him.

Typical of the messages that were received was this one: "glance up at the stars, Greg. There are millions of them. You are one of six billion people on this one of ours. Does it really matter if you took a few extra strokes to get a small white ball into a hole?"

Another one read: "your good humour, dignity and grace in defeat were an important lesson for my kids." And a third: "victory is one thing but it is transient. Grace and dignity in the face of pressure are permanent values." Norman may have lost the Masters but he seems to have won thousands of hearts.

Russell tees off in Cannes yesterday on his way to his first European Tour victory

Russell edges to first title

FROM MEL WEBB IN CANNES

THERE was a beguiling mix of youthful confidence, mature calmness under pressure and, at the end, a typically Scottish lack of emotion about Raymond Russell, the former Walker Cup golfer, as he claimed victory in only his ninth PGA European Tour tournament by taking the Cannes Open at Royal Mougins yesterday.

The destination of the winner's cheque for £66,060 was put in doubt to the dying moments of this final day by David Carter, who pushed his opponent all the way until Russell prevailed with a final round of 71 and a total of 272, 12 under par. Carter, whose 73 left him two strokes adrift, beat Gordon Brand Jr and Ignacio Garrido by two, with Costantino Rocca and Jim Payne joint fifth on seven under par.

Russell, 23, had played only three events on the main tour until this season after turning professional following his appearance in the Walker Cup team in 1993.

He finished nineteenth in the tour qualifying school last autumn, and although this was his sixth appearance of the season, a succession of high-profile tournaments on the horizon meant that, at the start of this tournament, he was not sure when he would get his next start. Now he can play where and when he likes until the end of next season.

Russell, from Prestonpans, near Edinburgh, was level with Carter on ten under par as he stepped on to the 17th tee after going into water and dropping a shot at the 16th, where within minutes he was both cursed and blessed by the fates.

Final scores 36

A referee ruled that Russell's ball had crossed the margin of a lake before dropping back into the briny, which meant he could take his penalty drop on the green. From that position he was able to two-putt for a bogey six that could have been much worse.

He had wobbled at times, notably when he dropped four shots to par in four holes from the 8th, but the way he played the last two holes would have done credit to Nick Faldo.

At the penultimate hole, a par three of 139 yards, he watched as Carter planted his ball 40 feet beyond the flag, before putting his own tee shot nervelessly to six feet. Carter took two putts for par, and Russell calmly rolled his in for a birdie and a one-stroke lead.

The tournament was still not over, however. A birdie from Carter on the last would have put the tournament firmly in play-off territory, but it was not to be.

Carter went into a fairway bunker off the 18th tee and found sand again with his second shot. Russell played the hole immacutely and finished up eight feet from the flag in three as Carter went 25 feet past, also in three.

It was effectively all over when Carter failed to hole that long bunker shot. Russell had two shots for the title, and needed only one for a closing birdie that was as satisfying as it was irrelevant. He said that he was happy, even if he did not show it. They do not go in for much dancing in the streets in Prestonpans.

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Hazell and Baker in all-England final

SANDY HAZELL and Jean Baker set up an all-England final in the women's world indoor bowls singles championship in Guernsey yesterday, when Hazell defeated Kate Adams, of Scotland, the 1993 champion, and Baker beat Betty Morgan, the Welsh champion, in the semi-finals.

Hazell, who beat Baker 21-8 in the recent English Women's Indoor Bowling Association singles final at Banister Park, lost the first set to Adams, but recovered to win 3-7, 7-0, 7-5, 7-5. Baker, a former English outdoor singles champion, lost two of the first three sets against Morgan, but squared the match with a 7-4 win in the fourth, and recovered from 6-3 down to take the decider, 7-6.

☐ Mark Bantock, aged 26, of the Desborough club, Maidenhead, won the English Indoor Bowling Association singles championship at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, beating John Ottaway 21-17. This guarantees Bantock a place in the world championship at Preston next February.

Hoyer-Larsen's record

BADMINTON: Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen claimed a record-equalling third successive men's singles title at the European championships in Herning on Saturday. Hoyer-Larsen needed just 32 minutes to overcome his compatriot, Peter Rasmussen, 15-5, 15-11. Rasmussen, the No 2 seed, staged a fightback in the second game to lead 11-10, but a string of unforced errors allowed Hoyer-Larsen to equal the record held set by another Dane, Flemming Delfs, in 1980.

Date lifts fourth title

TENNIS: Kimiko Date, right, of Japan, beat Amy Frazier, of the United States, 7-5, 6-4 to capture her fourth Japan Open title yesterday. It was the third consecutive year that they had met in the Tokyo final. Frazier won last year after Date had beaten her in 1994 for her third successive title. Pete Sampras, took the men's title by beating Richey Renenberg 6-4, 7-5.

Ipswich Cup upset

FENCING: The 1992 world champion, Oksana Jermakova, of Estonia, won the Ipswich Cup at Northgate Sports Centre, yesterday, defeating the diminutive Swiss, Gianna Buerki, 15-13 in the closest-fought match of the day. The event was the British round of the women's épée World Cup, which Buerki was expected to win. The title-holder, Clandia Bokel, of Germany, was eliminated in the quarter-finals by another Estonian, Heidi Rohi, 15-14.

Carter comes through

SQUASH: Paul Carter, the former British national squash champion, has lost none of the stubborn competitiveness that made him one the world's leading players in the late Eighties. An 80-minute, 9-7, 0-9, 4-9, 9-7, 9-2 third-string win over Marcus Cowie in the Squash Rackets Association National League play-offs final at St Albans tore the heart out of Keyline Barnham Broom. The challenge for the title triggered a 4-1 victory for Mitsubishi Electric Potters Bar.

Colts lose to late try

RUGBY UNION: England's colts concluded their season in defeat at Chester on Saturday, losing 22-18 to the French youth. However they had the minor consolation of scoring two tries to one, the first by Matt Perry, of Bath, the second a delightful effort by the captain, Tim Pawson, after Michael Horne's long run. Paul Sampson added a conversion and two penalty goals before a try in the last minute earned France their win.

Abe triumphs in Japan

MOTORCYCLING: Norifumi Abe, right, became his country's newest sporting hero yesterday when he won the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka, becoming the first Japanese to triumph in a 500cc race since Takazumi Katayama won the 1982 Swedish Grand Prix. Abe won by nearly seven seconds from Alex Criville, of Spain, at an average speed of 162.115kph.

England ease to title

LACROSSE: England beat Wales 16-3 to retain the women's triple crown in the last home international of the season at High Wycombe on Saturday. In the other game, Scotland beat Wales 9-3. After a nervous start, England took the initiative against Wales and never looked back after building up an 8-1 lead by half-time. Rachana Shetty, of Durham University, showed promise in her first game for England as goalkeeper.

Aztecs relegated

FOOTBALL: The relegation of Villa Aztecs from the women's Premier National League was confirmed yesterday after just one season in the top flight. In a match they had to win to have a chance of staying up, Villa lost 4-1 to Arsenal at Clacton and so follow Wolverhampton into the premier northern division. Doncaster Belles inched closer to the championship with a 3-2 win at Liverpool. They are eight points clear but Croydon have four games in hand.

Bold Simon clears way for second World Cup

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GENEVA

HISTORY repeated itself here yesterday when Hugo Simon, of Austria, riding ET, won his second showjumping Volvo World Cup after a dramatic jump-off with Willi Melliger, of Switzerland, on Calbaro. It was only the second jump-off in the 18 years in which the final has been held: the first was in 1979, at the inaugural event, won by Simon.

Simon's victory was all the sweeter after a series of setbacks had threatened his participation. The 53-year-old had to withdraw his leading horse, Apricot, when it succumbed to colic, forcing him to ride the nine-year-old ET in all three legs. Simon then injured his elbow and was unable to ride for ten days until last Saturday.

Nick Skelton, the Briton who came frustratingly close to a second successive win on Dollar Girl, finished third just one point behind Simon and Melliger. Despite two superb rounds in the grand prix yesterday, in which he incurred four faults in each, Skelton was disappointed.

He blamed himself for putting the 16-year-old mare in "too deep" at the double, the fence he hit in the first round. He was more philosophical about the second-round mistake, when Dollar Girl just touched fence ten, a big oxer. "It was just a difficult, dirty fence." Even so, his third place and his win in the second leg on Friday added nearly £40,000 to his purse.

John Whitaker, the only other Briton here, dropped to eighth place after a first round when Welham incurred 12 faults.

The most bitter disappointment, however, was reserved for the young Brazilian rider, Rodrigo Pessoa, who was in the lead at the start of the grand prix. After a clear round in the first round, one of only three, he looked set to become the first South American rider to win the World Cup.

Simon: setbacks

In the second round, when riders again went in reverse order of merit, Simon, lying third, incurred four faults to join Melliger on a total of ten. When the world champion, Franke Sloothaak, from Germany, had eight faults on Corrado, it meant that Pessoa could hit two fences and still win the cup.

But the Irish-bred Tomboy, a 13-year-old gelding of nervous disposition, sensed the highly-charged atmosphere and hit fence 5a, throwing Pessoa forward into the saddle so that he was unable to stop him.

He guided him through fence six, which fell, and then missed his stride into the next and had to turn a circle. "At that point," the philosphical Pessoa said, "I knew it was all over."

Melliger, drawn first in the jump-off, produced a superbly-judged clear round that the crowd acclaimed as the winning one. But Simon, to the disbelief of Melliger's supporters, took a daring short cut after the second fence — "I knew I had to think of something different," he said — and romped home two seconds faster to secure an elusive second World Cup title and a standing ovation.

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Outspoken O'Sullivan belittles beaten Robidoux

O'Sullivan: unrepentant

By Phil Yates

ALAIN ROBIDOUX described Ronnie O'Sullivan as "disrespectful" and refused to shake hands after losing their first-round match 10-3 in the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible, Sheffield, yesterday.

The bad blood began to circulate when O'Sullivan, holding an impregnable lead in the eleventh frame, played three academic pots left-handed when attempting a crowd-pleasing clearance.

Robidoux, of Canada, normally the most mild-mannered of individuals, was visibly riled and did not concede. Even when the pink subsequently ran over a pocket, O'Sullivan would not pot it and the result was an embarrassing eight-minute impasse.

"I was struggling and, when somebody does that, it makes you feel worse," Robidoux said. "There's no need to do that to a professional colleague." O'Sullivan, who included breaks of 102 and 126 during a typically swashbuckling display, was unrepentant. "I was just enjoying myself when the frame was over and, anyway, the audience loved it," he said.

Of course, it is O'Sullivan's prerogative to use the odd exhibition shot. However, any sympathy for him evaporated after a series of belittling comments about Robidoux. "I can play better left-handed than he can right," O'Sullivan added.

O'Sullivan has an abundance of natural talent. A week short of his eighteenth birthday he captured the 1993 United Kingdom championship, becoming the youngest winner of a world-ranking tournament, and last year he won the Benson and Hedges Masters. No one wishes to stifle that spark and, indeed, while finishing off his quarter-final win over Mark Williams at the British Open earlier this month, few took exception to his pair of outrageous one-handed pots.

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Even so, there exists a fine dividing line between showmanship and showboating.

As a 20-year-old, O'Sullivan can still fall victim to the impetuosity of youth, both on and off the table, and there is a danger he could become snooker's latest *enfant terrible*. When he returns to the Crucible later this week, his ill-advised comments yesterday may well prove to be a heavy burden for him.

Conflicting messages can be drawn from Stephen Hendry's 10-8 victory over Jason Ferguson in the first round on Saturday. During the course of his 21st consecutive win in the game's premier event, the title-holder compiled a quartet of century breaks, along with runs of 91, 88 and 86, and cued sweetly.

Yet, until required to cope with the intense pressure under which he thrives, Hendry's tactical game was inadequate, even against Ferguson, the world No 29, who was a 500-1 outsider for the £200,000 first prize.

While Hendry freely uses superlatives in assessment of his better displays, he can be scathingly critical after a poor one. On this occasion, he classified his safety play as "amateurish" and admitted he felt "vulnerable" when entering the concluding session faced with a 6-3 deficit.

Hendry is acutely aware that containing opponents is essential if he is to win the title for the fifth year in succession and for a sixth time in his past seven attempts. It is fair to assume that his strong suit, break-building, will take care of itself.

"I know I'm playing well, so if I'd lost it would have been nothing short of a disaster," Hendry, who had dropped only two frames in his three previous encounters with Ferguson, said. "Jason punished my sloppy shots and, against the quality of players I'm going to have to tackle over the next couple of weeks, I've simply got to tighten things up."

Robidoux: visibly riled

Evans proves best of British in men's race with commendable third

Cerón cuts loose to complete treble

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

DIONICIO CERON *must* begin to wonder why athletes say such silly things. Or, more accurately, say such sensible things, then ignore their own advice.

Cerón, from Mexico, having become the first man to win the London Marathon twice, completed the treble yesterday, though, understandably, given the record warm temperatures, his time of 2hr 10min 00sec was the slowest of his successive victories. Vincent Rousseau, the runner-up, will be haunted by his own words, just like Antonio Pinto was last year.

"I do not want to lead and get a knife in my back," Rousseau, the only athlete in marathon history to have broken 2:08 twice, had said three days before the race. However, when the pacemaker dropped out at halfway, Rousseau, from Belgium, was the one pushing it along for most of the way until Cerón appeared with his blade.

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Cerón ran it the way Rousseau had advised, concealed in the group rather than taking the reins. He went through a bad patch at ten miles but ran it off. Aided by Jackson Kabiga, from Kenya, Cerón splintered the group at 22½ miles and, a mile later, struck out on his own. "Every victory has a special place in my heart," Cerón said, "but I won for the third time. I feel very excited about that."

The race was reminiscent of his first victory, in 1994, when he drew clear in the 23rd mile. But it contrasted with last year when Pinto, from Portugal, built a 62-second lead at world-record pace. In the week before the race, Cerón and Steve Moneghetti had been talking of a world-record schedule, to which Pinto responded: "I shall follow them with a sack, then put them in as I go past." Cerón and Moneghetti came along with a sack in the last mile and swept up Pinto.

Whereas, last year, Cerón had had to work all the way to the line before beating Moneghetti by three seconds, yesterday he had a comfortable lead entering The Mall for the final furlong. He took his time to enjoy it, though it cost him money. Instead of a $10,000 (£6,600) bonus for sub 2:10, he had to settle for $5,000 for sub 2:11.

He could afford the celebration. Cerón owns five houses, a sports club, a clothing business and now has another winner's cheque for $55,000. More than his $30,000 for second place, Rousseau's consolation was a solid performance on a hot day. He does not like the heat and contracts with past marathons have given him the option to withdraw if the temperature exceeds 16C.

At the start yesterday, the reading was 18C, soon rising to 20C and staying there until the finish. Why, Rousseau must have wondered, did he not have a clause in his contract this time? "I did not expect these warm conditions," Rousseau said. "When I saw the weather at the beginning, I was like that," he added, indicating that he had crossed his fingers for luck.

"I stayed out of the way in case he was looking for me," David Bedford, the elite race director, said. Rousseau felt that wearing a Breathe Right strip on his nose helped to relieve the sinuses he normally suffers in hot conditions.

Paul Evans must be puzzled over the logic of the prize structure. Had he finished fourth, instead of third, he would have been $2,500 better off. Evans collected $22,500 for third place but the British money awards are payable only to athletes outside the first three. Crossing the line fourth would have given Evans $15,000 place money plus the $10,000 bonus as first Briton.

That went instead to Gary Staines, who was ninth. Staines may have more to thank Evans for than simply the money. Should Evans decline Olympic selection, as well he might, Staines may be offered the third place with the preselected Peter Whitehead and Richard Nerurkar.

According to John Bicourt, Evans's manager, competing in the Olympics would cost his athlete some £100,000 in potential income from the New York City Marathon. Evans is more likely to go for the Olympic 10,000 metres, from which he would have time to recover before New York.

Eamonn Martin, the 1993 champion, dropped out in the heat which took its toll on times in general. Only 44 men broke 2hr 30min, an unprecedented low number.

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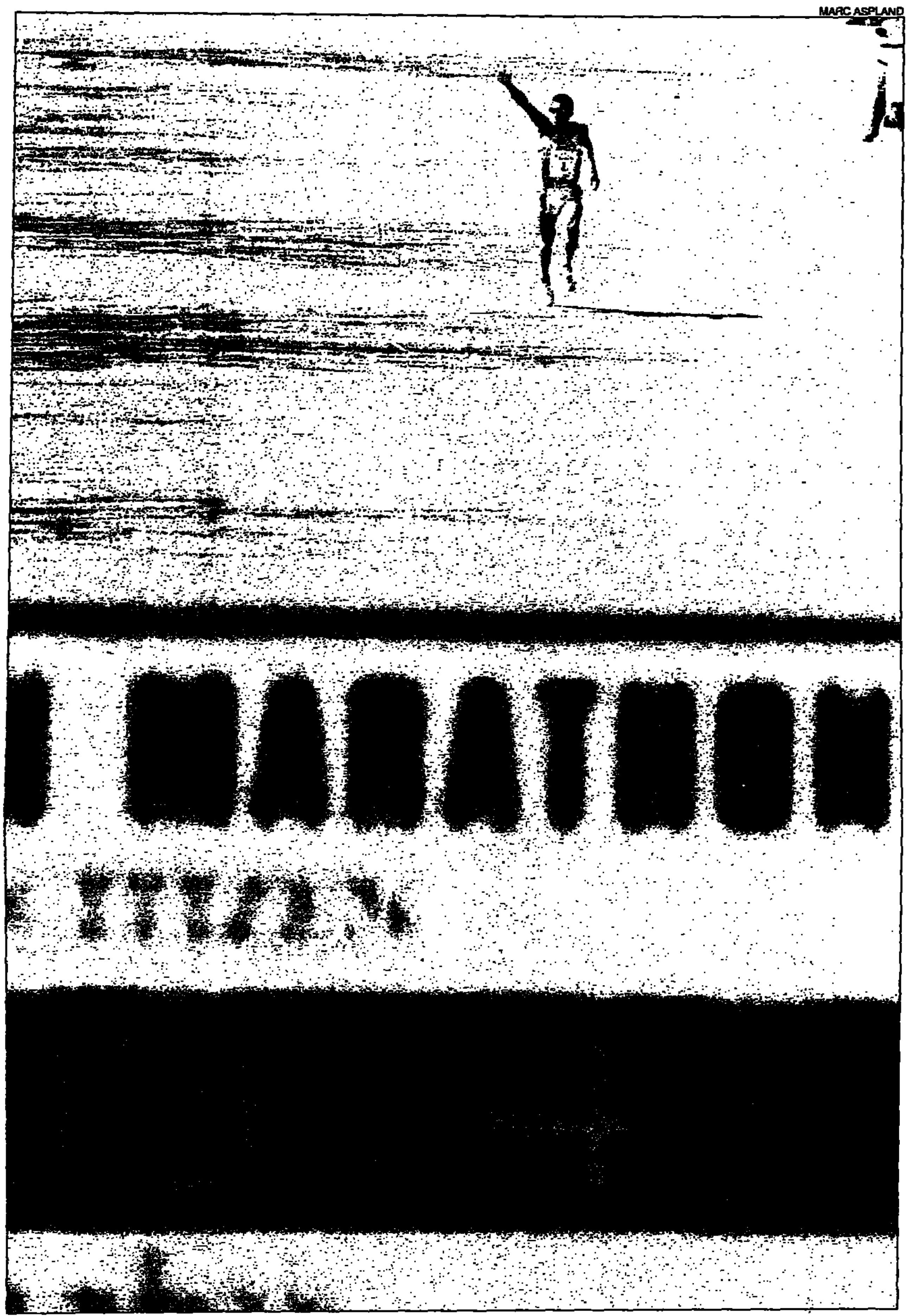
Cerón, in splendid isolation, acknowledges the applause as he strides towards his third successive triumph

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RFU search for unity as Bath stand firm over crowd

By David Hands
rugby correspondent

WHATEVER the Rugby Football Union (RFU) touches these days tends to blow up in their faces. However, they will hope to resolve today the row in which they are now embroiled with Bath and Wigan, who seek to play the second of their cross-code matches at Twickenham on May 25.

The union will meet representatives of the two clubs, the local police and the British Transport Police to discuss the imposition of a cap on the crowd of 37,500 — half the stadium's total capacity.

The police require a limit because of work scheduled on the Reading to Waterloo railway line. "The whole question of capping the gate has been a known problem for some time," Michael Humphreys, the RFU spokesman, said. Indeed it was only on Friday that Tony Hallett, the union secretary, persuaded the authorities to lift the cap from 30,000 to 37,500.

It is debatable whether railway work in that area is liable to affect crowds coming from Bath, or from the north-west where, it is claimed, Wigan supporters are treating this as their away-day in London after losing their regular visit to Wembley for the Challenge Cup final. Certainly tickets have sold well for the first match, to be played under rugby league rules, at Maine Road, Manchester, on May 8.

Bath have sold more than 25,000 tickets for the second match, under union rules, and plan to keep selling. "We would have expected 50,000 and a capacity attendance was on the cards," Richard Mawditt, the Bath chairman, said. "This is going to be a great occasion. Why spoil it with a half-empty stadium?"

The clubs have the option of moving the game, but arrangements have been put in place which may make that impractical. The last word on this matter mill be with the police, whose primary concern is to avoid congested station platforms in the area where work is taking place.

☐ Ireland's executive committee will stand firm over the five nations row regarding television rights to next year's championship. Syd Millar, the IRFU president, still hopes for reconciliation after England's declaration that they will go their own way, but if that cannot be reached, Ireland will back moves to stop playing England.

Leopards are put to flight by march of the Giants

By Nicholas Harling

BY VIRTUE of gaining a dramatic 75-73 victory over the Leopards in the London Arena last night, Manchester Giants became only the third basketball club in the history of the play-offs to reach Wembley after losing the first leg of their quarter-final.

The dubious privilege for Manchester, the beaten finalists last year, however, is a semi-final against the all-conquering London Towers, the Budweiser League champions who are attempting to secure a clean sweep of four titles.

The Leopards had won all three league fixtures between the clubs but, when it mattered most, they slipped despite making up arrears of ten points to lead by five early in the last quarter of the decisive third leg. The Manchester coach, Mike Hanks refused to accept then that his players had blown it. "It was a championship game," he said. "It was always going to go back and forth."

His key player, the American Mark Robinson, who had accumulated 58 points in the previous two games, was restricted to 15 this time but it did not really matter as the Giants had, in Kevin St Kitts, the match-winner. With five three-pointers from nine attempts, St Kitts assumed the main scoring responsibility.

The Leopards will, forever, rue the last few seconds of the first two quarters. Each time they conceded a vital basket on the buzzer. After the score at the end of the first quarter, though, Billy Mims, the Leopards' coach, left the officials shaking his head in annoyance at the decision that had gone against his squad. When Panjie Grainger scored on the stroke of half-time to give the Giants an interval lead of 36-29, Mims had no argument.

After a miserable third quarter, when they conceded the first three baskets to Karl Brown and two three-pointers to Chris Fite, to comprehensively concede their advantage, the Giants produced a stirring recovery over the last ten minutes.

They were helped as the Leopards fouled them seemingly at every opportuntity, with the result that eight of Manchester's last ten points came from the free-throw line.

The other semi-final, on May 4, is between Birmingham and Sheffield. The final will be the following evening.

Lyle gives cause for optimism

AT 16 years and four months old, the youngest player to appear for Great Britain in a world championship, the Cardiff Devil netminder, Stevie Lyle, was one of several young players who gave cause for optimism for the future of British ice hockey in the pool B tournament which ended in Eindhoven on Saturday.

After losing their first two games, Great Britain took fourth place with nine points, one fewer than Belorussia.

Making his debut against Belorussia, Lyle had the misfortune to see his defence concede a goal after only 85 seconds. Britain, however, fought back well to win 4-2 with goals from Ashley Tait, Neil Morgan, Kevin Conway and Simon Hunt.

Latvia drew 1-1 with Switzerland to win the group with 13 points out of 14 and gained promotion to pool A after finishing as runners-up for the past two years, while Japan, who gained only three points, finished bottom and will be relegated to pool C.

Paris experience some northern discomfort

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By Christopher Irvine

ON THEIR first visit to their friends in the north, the fledgling Paris Saint-Germain rugby league side was taught some of the harsher realities of life in the Stones Super League, although the newcomers' second away defeat was not without some encouragement yesterday.

Warrington exposed a degree of naivety about Paris that better sides might exploit more fully, but the visitors' enthusiasm never dimmed and four tries, three to the burly left wing, Regis Pastre-Courtine, who will have been annoyed at missing two more, was a healthy return in the circumstances.

Paris remain unbeaten in three matches at home, where opponents have real cause to fear them. Nonetheless, two unsuccessful sorties into foreign territory, including defeat by London, hint at where most of their troubles will lie.

Tas Baitieri, the Paris manager, was critical of decisions to sin-bin Pierre Chamorin and Patrick Entat in the second half, but indiscipline in its various forms undid much of the visitors' good work, particularly in defence, where far too many holes opened up.

It is a learning process, though, and Paris remain in a position of adversity, having to loan players back to clubs playing in overlapping domestic competition. "You must remember, this was only our fifth game," Baitieri said. "The club was pulled together in eight months. In Australia, they give you three years before putting you in at this standard of competition. There is a lot of progress to make."

Warrington, with their fourth win from five, were pleased, particularly with the contributions of the props, Hilton, Chambers, Sumner and Jones. Considering the errors made, it was remarkable that they scored eight tries.

Alex Murphy, the Warrington manager, still hopes to make substantial changes to his team. "We're looking for four or five world-class players," he said. "We're doing all right with what we've got and have to be patient. OK, we made a lot of mistakes, but we've got two points. You just keep chipping away."

Willie Swann, the Western Samoa scrum half, arrives next week from Auckland to fill what was a problem position for Kelly Shelford for much of the first half yesterday. A try then restored his confidence sufficiently for him to have a hand in all the others scored in the second period.

Kohe-Love, the New Zealand teenager, claimed two tries in the opening 12 minutes, during which Paris kept in touch, Entat's precision kick finding Pastre-Courtine with delightful ease.

When Entat is on form, so are Paris: but Warrington managed to close the scrum half down and, when good last-ditch tackling was wasted by the failure to mark Hough at the play-the-ball, allowing him a simple try, the game was beyond them.

In reply to Pastre-Courtine's second try, after Rudd fumbled, Knott, in the Warrington second row, dictated affairs. He first dispatched Rudd, then brilliantly supported Cullen and Shelford for two tries himself.

Shelford was at the heart of the next try by Penny, whose side-step bemused a weary Paris defence, although the visitors finished strongly, Vergniol scoring with his first touch and Pastre-Courtine completing his hat-trick with a fine burst up the left flank.

SCORERS: Warrington: Tries: Kohe-Love (2), Knott (2), Hough, Shelford, Rudd, Penny. Goals: Harris (4), Knott (3), Rudd. Paris Saint-Germain: Tries: Pastre-Courtine (3), Vergniol. Goals: Torreilles (4).

WARRINGTON: L Penny; M Forster, T Kohe-Love, C Rudd, R Henare; I Harris, K Shelford; M Hilton, J Hough, G Chambers, I Knott, P Cullen, P Sculthorpe. Subs used: M Jones, P Sumner, A Bennett, M Mafi.

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN: B Yahe; P Bomati, P Chamorin, L Lucchese, R Pastre-Courtine, F Devecchi, P Entat; G Kacala, P Torreilles, K Urokmanu, D Adams, D Cabestany, J Pech. Subs used: V Bloomfield, M Lane, E Vergniol.

Referee: S Presley.

Holroyd helps Leeds break duck

LEEDS overpowered Sheffield Eagles 36-22 to record their first victory in the Super League, with Graham Holroyd, their scrum half, scoring two tries and kicking two goals.

Leeds, however, lost Nathan Picchi, their New Zealand forward, with a dislocated shoulder. "It looks quite serious and he is going to need an operation which will keep him out of the game for four to five months," Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, said.

London Broncos romped to their biggest Super League triumph, running in nine tries in a 58-0 crushing of Workington. Terry Matterson scored one try and kicked 11 goals for a personal tally of 26 points.

Two second-half tries in four minutes by Paul Atcheson helped Oldham to a 24-20 win on Saturday at Castleford, whose coach, John Joyner, accused Colin Morris, the referee, of inconsistency in sending off Grant Anderson for a high tackle. No action was taken against high challenges by Oldham players that left Nathan Sykes with a broken jaw and Lee Harland with a neck injury. "I'm not saying our man shouldn't have gone, but let's have some consistency," Joyner said.

Calzaghe has Duff singing his praises

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

JOE CALZAGHE could be the best of a new generation of super-middleweights if his manager, Mickey Duff, is right about his future. After the British champion's fifth-round victory over Mark Delaney, of West Ham, at Brentwood on Saturday, Duff considers his man to be better than Nigel Benn was at the same point in his career.

"I don't mean any disrespect to Benn or any of the others, but Calzaghe is a better fighter at this stage than any one of them was," Duff said. Calzaghe, who is unbeaten as a professional, added: "The last time I lost a fight was seven years ago, when I was 17. I have been the distance only three times in the last seven years."

Calzaghe's disposal of Delaney in the fifth was impressive as the challenger was unbeaten in 21 contests and had the solid support of a hostile West Ham crowd.

Calzaghe floored Delaney twice in the first but was unable to finish it as he became too excited and threw punches in an uncontrolled manner. In the fifth, when he dropped Delaney twice again, the referee, John Coyle, quickly intervened, having seen Delaney receive a pasting in the intervening rounds.

Calzaghe admitted that he got carried away in the first round because he was "wound up by the crowd, who were swearing and spitting" at him, and he was determined to silence them. Duff put his impetuosity down to lack of experience.

☐ P. J. Gallagher, of Wood Green, finally meets Davey McHale, of Glasgow, for the British super-featherweight title tonight at Crystal Palace. Gallagher can expect an easier outing this time, compared with the one against the replacement, Rakhim Mingaleev, of the Ukraine, who came in late last time when McHale dropped out with a cartilage injury. The Scot is unlikely to prove as tough as the Ukrainian and the contest is unlikely to go the distance.

Palace now masters of their own destiny

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BY A CORRESPONDENT

IF SOMETHING is worth doing, it is worth doing late. The destiny of Crystal Palace is now in their own hands. In a two-horse race for the second automatic promotion place into the FA Carling Premiership they are in a position to emulate Red Rum at Aintree 23 years ago and overtake Derby County, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division's equivalent of the long-time race-leader, Crisp, with the finishing post in sight.

The two clubs meet at the Baseball Ground on Sunday in a game that could resolve the matter. Derby, for whom victory would ensure promotion, will meet a robust, well-organised, abrasive Palace side.

At Christmas, Dave Bassett, then at Sheffield United, predicted that Sunderland and Derby would finish first and second. It is fair to say that Palace would not have occupied his thoughts for long.

Since Bassett took over at Selhurst Park in February, however, Palace have won 12 out of 18 games and lost just two. The club had taken a painfully long time to regroup after relegation last season but, while they were not in deep relegation trouble when Bassett arrived, the gradient of their ascent has been steep enough to worry the bravest mountaineer.

"It would be crazy to say I expected this," Bassett, a veteran of promotion campaigns with Wimbledon and Sheffield United, said. "I wish I could say there was a secret because then I'd be worth millions of pounds. I've just asked them to do jobs that suit them and the confidence has come from getting results, which is always the way."

Suddenly, people are paying Bassett what could be considered a backhanded compliment by saying that his side is not good enough for the Premiership. Palace have lost players such as Southgate, Armstrong, Shaw and Coleman from the one that took them down, but have developed a resilience that would hold them in good stead. Nor would they shirk anything on the physical side, as Wolverhampton Wanderers discovered on Saturday.

One man expecting them to leapfrog Derby is Mark McGhee, the Wolverhampton manager, who has pledged to spend the summer rebuilding a team that has once again underachieved. "The fact that we are at this stage of the season and still candidates for relegation is scandalous, given the size of the club," he said.

Wolverhampton had chances through Steve Bull and Mark Rankine, the latter cleared off the line by Andy Roberts, before Palace went ahead in the 31st minute. David Hopkin won possession from Simon Osborn and left Dean Richards on his backside before shooting left-footed under Mike Stowell.

Richards is rated highly in the West Country and Manchester United are reportedly among his suitors. Yet he gave the sort of display that will have Premiership managers switching attention to his colleague, Neil Emblen. Twice, Emblen held up Palace when they counter-attacked with perfectly-timed challenges, on top of which he had the confidence to carry the ball into and beyond midfield, and pass with either foot.

The lively Bruce Dyer had his happiest moments against Richards, not least when he nipped in front of him to head Palace's second goal over the poorly-positioned Stowell after a shot from Roberts had ballooned off a defender in the 55th minute.

"There is a soft underbelly here where we miss easy chances and give away silly goals," McGhee said. "What we have got here clearly isn't good enough. We could have won this game 1-0 but it wouldn't have made me think any different in the longer term."

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — D Richards, N Emblen, M Venus — A Thompson, M Rankine (sub: D Foley, 78min), S Osborn, S Corica, S Froggatt (sub: J De Wolf, 40) — M Williams (sub: D Goodman, 25), S Bull.

CRYSTAL PALACE (5-3-2): N Martyn — M Edworthy, D Tuttle, A Roberts, L Andersson, J Vincent — D Pitcher, D Hopkin, S Rodger — B Dyer, D Freedman (sub: C Veart, 76)

Referee: J Lloyd

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Rare excitement at Kenilworth Road as Oakes, left, of Luton, gets in a shot despite the attentions of Hessenthaler, the Watford captain

Domestic dispute on a downward spiral

Simon Barnes intrudes on the private passions stirred by a goalless encounter between local rivals Luton and Watford

The Hertfordshire taxi driver discoursed on Newcastle United and Liverpool; the Bedfordshire taxi driver was wearing a Manchester United shirt. Both pronounced the word "United" with the London overspill dialect: Uni'ed.

That is the way of football these days. The FA Carling Premiership has become enormous; northern teams are a nationwide concern. There is a trade-off, however: the corresponding diminution of such fixtures as Luton Town v Watford.

The Premiership derby games are national issues, north or south: we had Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool v Everton last week, both on television and much discussed across the nation. People are still debating the penalty awarded in the all-Manchester FA Cup tie. Typical Uni'ed penalty.

Not so long ago, Luton and Watford were high-fliers in the top division, which was then called, not illogically, the first division. Watford all but won it under a dashing young manager called Graham Taylor, who was clearly a man marked for great things.

Luton got side-tracked into a policy of toadying to Margaret Thatcher. Politics and membership cards became more important than football. Both clubs had their time in the sun but, once you start falling, there is a tendency to carry on down.

But who cares? Well, a lot of people. This occasion was simmering with emotion, players and supporters alike. One chap needed six policemen to take him away. He was seriously moved by it all.

It was a private affair, however, and I felt very much an intruder. I felt, as the police used to say dismissively, when told of some appalling crime of violence: "It's a domestic." Here, the neutral was not an observer but a voyeur, intruding on private passions remote from the public world of the Premiership.

Two groups of supporters turned at 45 degrees in their seats to watch each other across the corner of the pitch. You would find this understandable, had you seen the football. In these positions, they expressed their passions.

The Luton supporters all about me were, I learnt, "the Watford-haters".

The rest of Hertfordshire apparently left them unmoved: Tring and Hemel Hempstead they could tolerate; Knebworth and Welwyn Garden City they politely ignored. Watford made the juices of hatred flow, however, and Watford, it was unambiguously clear, felt much the same about Luton.

"'Ow could so much passion be 'eld in such a small body?" René wondered in that seminal sit-com, *Allo, Allo*. I felt much the same.

This was a relegation battle: both sides started the day in dire danger of falling to the second division, which is, of course, actually the third division. There is a Shankly-ism — it is high time that we admitted a second to the general lexicon — uttered when two rivals for the championship were playing: "I hope you both lose."

At Luton on Saturday, both sides did lose. The statistics will tell you that the result was 0-0, but in fact, it was a result that will probably send both clubs down.

"Not much inspiring about that at all," Luther Blissett, the Watford coach, said. "That's why the clubs are in the position they're in. People didn't rise above their normal game. That do-or-die sort of thing — it wasn't really there, was it?"

Sometimes great intensity, great rivalry, lends wings to players, the Liverpool v Newcastle United game of blessed memory being the now-classic example. Here, it worked the other way. The players were hog-tied by passion. "We cut each other's throats," Lennie Lawrence, the Luton manager, said.

The gulf between the Premiership and the rest is now so wide that, in a game such as this, players lose faith in the abilities they had. It was as if they knew they were second-rate and were now ready to accept, bitterly, the fact that they will soon be among the third-rate. It was a match in which all belief had gone: only a little bitter passion was left. This expressed itself in fouls.

With an hour gone and the bookings spilling into double figures, it seemed that the referee was frantically trying to remember who he had booked so that he would not have to send someone off. Of course, it happened in the end, and Alexander, of Luton, had to go for his second bookable offence after an 89th-minute fit of petulance.

It was that kind of match. Luton looked like a side that had scored 36 goals in 42 matches; Watford, I am told, have improved considerably since Taylor returned to their bosom. Wow.

I know I have not included any kick-by-kick stuff in this report, but, believe me, I am doing you a favour. "I've go' a feeling Uni'ed are going to win," the red-shirted taxi driver said. I paid him and remembered to get a receipt.

LUTON TOWN (3-5-2): I Feuer — G Alexander, D Patterson, S Davis, M Thomas — D Oldfield (sub: G Tomlinson, 71min), M Johnson, S Oakes, A Thorpe (sub: R Harvey, 84) — B Guentchev, K Grant.

WATFORD (4-4-2): K Miller — D Bazeley, D Ward, S Palmer (sub: D Payne, 76), D Ludden — C Ramage, A Hessenthaler, G Porter, T Mooney — D Connolly (sub: J Moralee, 46), D White

Referee: G Cain

Pitch only partly to blame for apology of a match

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Charlton Athletic 0

BY KEITH PIKE

FIRST, the excuses: it was uncomfortably humid, undeniably tense, and the pitch at Elm Park could be dug up and improved at the same time. Second, the reality: standards in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division have never been lower. At times this season, it has seemed as if teams outside the Premiership are playing a different sport.

It was not only at Reading on Saturday that confirmation arrived with every scuffed shot, overhit pass and unseen run. As BBC Radio *Five Live* went round the grounds at half-time, the verdict was unanimous: poor, dismal, dreadful . . . a different venue, a similarly damning adjective. "Mediocre" was the most positive description. Lucky chap — safe to say the reporter in question was not watching this apology of a match.

Yet, while the clubs, and the managers, must take some of the blame — the few teams that try to play on the ground, through midfield, do not do it well enough — the fact is that the Premiership elite, with their massive share of the game's revenues and their absurdly enlarged squads, have cornered not just the cash market but the talent pool.

Consider Alan Curbishley's problems. A few injuries and suspensions and he is "sitting down with a team-sheet wondering where I'm going to get 14 names from", and this the manager of a Charlton Athletic team with every chance of reaching the play-offs. Because of the limited size of his squad, his young, inexperienced team "have had to play so many games, it is no surprise the season has caught up on one or two of them".

And what of Jimmy Quinn, the Reading joint player-manager, who late in the second half kicked the turf in frustration as another pass leapt off a divot to leave him angry and embarrassed? "The pitch is a disgrace and has cost us points," Quinn said. "It needs rolling and watering, but . . ." The implication was that the money was not available — and this from a manager with a chairman hardly short of a couple of bob.

Few, then, could reasonably criticise Charlton's desire to get out of the division, or even Reading's desperation to stay in it — it only gets worse the lower you go — but between them they produced a match of unalleviated tedium.

Quinn had Reading's only effort on target, after 73 minutes, a header tipped over by Petterson, while Mihailov, the Reading goalkeeper, was eventually forced into three useful saves, the last and best of which kept out Bowyer's close-range header. The BBC went to the snooker, where the description of players wiping the sweat off their cues sounded quite exciting.

READING (3-5-2): B Mihailov — A Bernal, D Wdowczyk, J Hopkins — M Booty, P Parkinson, D Caskey, M Gooding, M Gilkes — M Williams (sub: L Nogan, 86min), J Quinn

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (4-4-2): A Petterson — M Jackson, R Rufus, S Balmer, S Brown — M Robson, L Bowyer, K Jones (sub: P Linger, 32), J Robinson — C Leaburn, B Allen (sub: D Whyte, 74).

Referee: J Kirkby

Smith's tension surfaces on edge of wilderness

Smith: spring-loaded

Derby County 1
Birmingham City 1

BY OLIVER HOLT

DERBY County are getting nervous. They needed a victory on Saturday like they needed a dose of Prozac: anything to calm them down. All they got was a tame draw that handed Sunderland a place in the FA Carling Premiership next season and allowed Crystal Palace to close to within a point of them in the race for the other automatic promotion place. It was like watching someone trapped in a room where the floor is moving inexorably towards the ceiling.

It has got so bad that Jim Smith, the Derby manager, has started rationing himself to two days a week with his players, his twitching attempt to stop himself communicating his tension to the team. When he finally got a chance to express himself from the dugout at the Baseball Ground on Saturday, he was like a jack-in-a-box, leaping every few minutes from what appeared to be a spring-loaded bench.

The football wilderness has kissed Smith on his crown and stripped him of his hair. Three times with three clubs — Middlesbrough, Newcastle United and Portsmouth — he has been involved in the play-offs and three times he has failed. Now he can see a fourth looming and, after the match, sweat poured off his pate.

His team play Palace at home on Sunday but, in their present state of mind, Derby are unlikely to come through it. "The players know what they have to do now, anyway," Smith said. "In the end, it did not matter what our result was today because Palace won. We've made it hard for ourselves all season and we are still making it hard. But we are one point ahead of the only team who can stop us. If we do not beat them, we don't deserve to go up that way."

Derby tried, as all Smith's teams do, to play neat, passing football against Birmingham City, and failed conspicuously. Only Stimac, the Croatia central defender, was confident and penetrative. The rest huffed and puffed and blew themselves out.

Simpson, a winger who always flattered to deceive at Manchester City, was their best forward player. But he is still playing the same tune, still stroking the ball around with his sweet left foot — pleasant to watch but essentially ephemeral. He, like the majority of his team-mates, would be overrun in the Premiership.

Simpson put Derby ahead in the 55th minute, when he latched on to a mis-hit cross from Powell and mis-hit a low shot past Griemink. Then Derby sat back. Legg unleashed a gargantuan throw from the left, Francis headed it on at the near post and Breen nodded in the equaliser at the back post. Carbon, a late substitute, missed a fine chance to win it for Derby in injury time, but headed over from four yards out.

"I hope Derby go up," Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, said. "Everyone in football would like to see Jim Smith back where he belongs, in the Premiership. But they have got the jitters and they might have to do it the hard way."

DERBY COUNTY (3-4-3): R Hoult — G Rowett, I Stimac, D Yates — L Carsley (sub: M Carbon, 82min), R Van der Laan (sub: G Hodges, 85), P Trollope, C Powell — R Willems (sub: M Gabbiadini, 70), A Ward, P Simpson

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): B Griemink — G Poole, G Breen, A Edwards, M Grainger — P Devlin, J Cornforth, P Tait, J Hunt — P Peschisolido (sub: K Francis, 13), P Barnes (sub: A Legg, 60)

Referee: T Heilbron

Portsmouth on thin ice

Portsmouth.................... 0
Barnsley 0

BY IVO TENNANT

THE incomparable county, as John Arlott called Hampshire, possesses two football clubs facing a similar fate. The wider community would have good reason to miss Southampton should they be relegated from the FA Carling Premiership, in that The Dell is as agreeable a ground as any. For Portsmouth, the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance League beckons, and not a moment too soon.

Why struggle on at a level to which you aspire only in an historical sense? Better perhaps to carry out in a lower division the radical changes that the manager deems necessary. The standard was dire on Saturday. To stay up, Portsmouth may have to beat Ipswich Town at home and Huddersfield Town away at a time when both clubs are looking to reach the play-offs. An unlikely occurrence indeed.

"Please God we can survive," Terry Fenwick, the Portsmouth manager, said: "I have some very exciting kids in this side."

If he has, and we have to take him at his word, their promise was not evident here. A tense match was to be expected, but then so was a modicum of ability. In the eyes of both managers, only the referee, who took eight names, had any shortcomings.

Portsmouth, whose most skilful player, Walsh, was on crutches and who had others suspended, had to wait until injury time for their best opportunity of breaking the deadlock.

They thought, then, that they had the match won. Rees had come on for Pethick, the right back whose dreadful foul on Archdeacon in the first half enamoured him to neither the opposition nor the referee.

Some 25 yards from goal, the substitute struck a volley with rare timing. Watson, who had had all too little to do in Barnsley's goal, reacted with commendable concentration given how infrequently it had been nourished.

No wonder Watson has attracted interest from elsewhere and that Danny Wilson, his manager, insisted the club had no pressing financial need to sell him. Let us hope, too, that the three Dutchmen remain, even if Barnsley is just about the last place in the country you would expect to find them.

Barnsley rarely tested Portsmouth's supporters club's player of the year, as Knight was declared to be before the match. There were too many niggling fouls disrupting such flow as there was.

Wilson contended that the referee almost lost any semblance of control, but the bookings were a necessary remedial measure. These kind of matches bring about discord and, ultimately, dissatisfaction.

PORTSMOUTH (4-4-2): A Knight — R Pethick (sub: J Rees, 83min), A Awford, G Butters, L Russell — A McLoughlin, M Allen, S Igoe, J Carter — D Burton (sub: L Bradbury, 91), P Hall

BARNSLEY (3-5-2): D Watson — A Moses, S Jones, A De Zeeuw — N Eaden, D Sheridan, M Bullock, B O'Connell, D Archdeacon — D Regis, A Liddell (sub: G Hurst, 73)

Referee: D Orr

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Cantona wins over his sternest critics

ERIC CANTONA completed the most remarkable rehabilitation by a Frenchman since Charles de Gaulle was summoned to the Presidency from Colombey Les Deux Eglises, when he was elected as Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers' Association on Saturday (Peter Ball writes). He has received the English game's greatest individual accolade ahead of Ruud Gullit seven months after returning from an eight-month suspension.

"It is an honour and a privilege," Cantona said. "It is an honour for me and my country. It is also a wonderful tribute to the rest of my colleagues at [Manchester] United."

Just over a year ago, he was banned for an assault on a spectator after his dismissal against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park. A two-week prison sentence for the same offence was commuted on appeal to community service. He has not looked back.

"This is a triumph for British justice," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "The honour is well deserved because Eric has been the best player in England this season."

Now his reform has been recognised by a group which had included his sternest critics. He joins names such as Matthews, Finney, Best, Charlton, Wright and Blanchflower in the pantheon of the game's greats.

Surprisingly in view of Manchester United's leading position this decade, he is the club's first player to receive the award since George Best, who celebrates his fiftieth birthday next month.

On footballing grounds, there can be few quarrels with the decision, although Gullit's displays for Chelsea this season have won him considerable support. The decision, though, as with the election of Kenny Burns, of Nottingham Forest, in 1978, reflects the transformation in Cantona's behaviour as well as his ability.

So, for the second year running, the award goes to one of the overseas players who have added so much glamour to the Premiership. With Gullit coming second, that development is even more pronounced. But, unlike Jürgen Klinsmann, who only stayed for a season, Cantona's commitment to the English game is unquestioned.

Ipswich denied easy ride

Southend United 2
Ipswich Town 1

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

THERE are two schools of thought about mid-table teams who come up against promotion or relegation contenders. With little at stake, they either relax and play uninhibitedly or they relax and succumb quietly. Matching their opponents for passion is not on the agenda.

Thus the comment in the programme notes on Saturday from Ronnie Whelan, the manager of twelfth-placed Southend United, that "we owe it to ourselves and other teams in play-off contention to give nothing less than 100 per cent" could have been seen as no more than good form. However, a competitive display from his team denied Ipswich Town time, space and the victory that they needed to keep them in sixth place in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. No easy rides at Roots Hall.

While the home side showed a healthy commitment, the keyword for Ipswich was desperation. "It's a tightrope, really," George Burley, their manager, said. "You're desperate for the points. We want to stay in the top six and today that meant winning. It didn't happen. We had chances, decisions went against us."

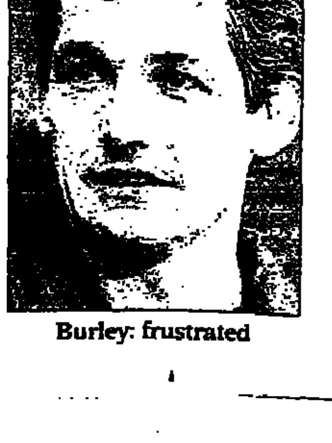
After an even first half, Dublin's close-range header for Southend equalising Middleton's early strike, the second session opened with one of those decisions — a yellow card for Hails, of Southend, after he had pulled Marshall back just outside the box. Not red? "The referee told me it wasn't an obvious foul," Burley said. Obvious enough to warrant a direct free kick, he might have added.

Worse was to follow for the visitors. Ten minutes from time, as they were beginning to run out of ideas, an apparently unmissable chance presented itself when Royce, the Southend goalkeeper, lost the ball under the challenge of Marshall. It fell to Mathie, who, with an empty net before him, hit the foot of a post. He was promptly substituted.

If such a wasted opportunity were not bad enough, Ipswich forfeited even one point with the last kick of the match, Marsh's dipping shot from outside the area curling beyond Forrest's left hand into the top corner.

"We attack and we've scored more goals than anyone else in England," Burley said. "But now it's a battle, it's not about the best football team. Today was a devastating loss."

Whelan, meanwhile, was considering what might have been but for his side's inconsistency. "We're only four points off the play-off places," he mused. "God knows what could have happened." The obvious answer, judged by Burley's experience, is that Whelan, too, could have been desperate, devastated and disappointed.



Burley: frustrated

SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): S Royce — J Hails, M McNally, M Bodley, M Stimson — P Byrne, M Marsh, S Tilson, A Turner — R Willis, K Dublin

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — C Swailes, C Thomsen, S Sedgley, M Stockwell — P Mason, G Williams, J Scowcroft, S Milton — A Mathie (sub: N Gregory, 79min), I Marshall

Referee: T West

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Rebuilding required before Sunderland embark on their Premiership adventure

Stoke put damper on promotion celebration

Sunderland	0
Stoke City	0

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

A FEELING of completeness now settles on the North East where, for the first time in 20 years, the Tyne, the Tees and the Wear are flowing in harmony. Sunderland are assured of promotion to the FA Carling Premiership, where they will join Newcastle United and Middlesbrough, and need one more point to go up as champions.

But there was a mist off the North Sea that clouded out yesterday's sunshine. There is pain ahead. Peter Reid, assuming he stays as manager, knows that he will have to be cruel in pruning out players and finding the money — £10 million has apparently been promised — to build a side capable of doing what was beyond Bolton Wanderers this season — bridging that awesome gap between the Endsleigh Insurance League and the Premiership.

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In a way, it was a muted celebration yesterday, for a young manager now has to look some of his players in the eye and say "Thanks, and goodbye".

And yet, the crowd had not come for a quiet afternoon. For half an hour before the kick-off their latest favourite anthem *Cheer up Peter Reid*, rang out, sung with fervour enough to shake the old iron stands around them.

This is the other side of the North-East equation. Newcastle United has a rebuilt stand fit for the next millenium: Middlesbrough has a brand new stadium, while Sunderland, living in antiquity at Roker Park, are due to move out not next season, but for the season after that.

The mood of high expectation was dissipated by a cheerless first half in which imagination was at a premium, and neither goalkeeper had much to do. You could hardly blame Stoke City, coming to a ground where nine of the previous ten visitors had failed to score, and few had not wilted under pressure.

Stoke, just four points away from confirming a place in the play-offs, were determined to be tight in defence and not allow Sunderland to settle.

Apart from a moment of excitement, when Richard Ord, one of Sunderland's more positive defenders, volleyed over the bar from eight yards, after Melville had headed down a free kick from Agnew, we were left with only two breaks.

Sturridge, a little bull of a man offering both pace and penetration for Stoke, turned Melville and scooped the ball into the box, but Sheron's header across the face of goal went wide. Then, just before half-time, Michael Gray, from 25 yards, instinctively tested Prudhoe, but the goalkeeper who has come full circle — he has had 11 career moves since being rejected by Sunderland as an apprentice — reacted athletically to parry the ball with a dive to his right.

Both managers, Reid and Lou Macari, are known for their powers of motivation and clearly they used the interval to demanded a higher tempo. Only seven minutes into the second period, Potter, using his weaker right foot, suddenly let fly from 25 yards, and Chamberlain just managed to fingertip the ball onto his crossbar.

Moments later, Sturridge burst through on the left and unselfishly rolled the ball to Devlin who, from ten yards, was woefully wide.

Sunderland have been rebuilt, as were Newcastle United before them, around the pedigree offered by Paul Bracewell. Close to 34 now, he remains tenacious and still able, in his position anchoring the midfield, to find more time and space than those around him. This man embodies Sunderland. He will not give up, just as he refused to give up his career when it was threatened by operation after operation on his ankle. If he was never again the England player he was before the broken bone and tendon injury, he has been a marvellous servant in the North East.

CARL RUTHERFORD

Champagne time in the Sunderland dressing-room as the manager, Peter Reid, and his players celebrate the club's return to the top flight

Sunderland also gave us two glimpses of their tomorrow by putting on as substitutes Michael Bridges, 17, a centre forward, and then the swift winger, Sam Aiston, 19. It was like throwing a fizzy pill into a sterile drink.

Almost immediately, Bridges, discovered for Sunderland by Jack Hixon, the scout who found Alan Shearer, got behind Sigurdsson, only to be repelled by Prudhoe. Bridges then wriggled free of the defenders for a second time and should really have scored. But, betrayed by excitement, he shot against a post with only the goalkeeper to beat. Sadly, he was later taken off on a stretcher with an ankle injury.

The goalless draw lengthened Sunderland's unbeaten run to 17 games, beating a record that goes back to the 1920s, when this stadium was perhaps in its pomp, and when Sunderland were automatically thought of as one of the powers in the land. If those days are to return, the club needs not only the new stadium — to be built on the site of a disused colliery — but also a dramatically reshaped team.

SUNDERLAND (4-4-2): A Chamberlain — D Kubicki, A Melville, R Ord, M Scott — S Agnew (sub: S Aiston, 71min), P Bracewell, K Ball, M Gray — L Howey, C Russell (sub M Bridges, 61, sub: G Hall, 88)
STOKE CITY (4-4-2): M Prudhoe — I Clarkson, L Sigurdsson, J Whittle, L Sandford — M Devlin, N Gleghorn, R Wallace, G Potter (sub: J Dreyer, 82) — S Sturridge, M Sheron
Referee: G Singh

Oldham's outlook brightens thanks to orange aid

Alyson Rudd sees Graeme Sharp's side display strong survival instincts

THIS match was mind-boggling. Oldham Athletic's strip was a bizarre colour, they had to endure a torrent of Millwall pressure and barely took the ball out of their own half.

Defeat would have condemned them, mentally if not mathematically, to relegation from the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Instead, after a 1-0 victory at the New Den, Oldham's optimism is now as bright as their startling orange shirts.

It looked as if it would be another bad day for Umbro, with the Oldham players confused by the orange jackets worn by the stewards and the match photographers. But the stewards quickly donned green waistcoats and the photographers turned their jackets inside out.

Not content with that, Oldham gave the opposition every chance to take the lead, with Malkin celebrating in the 38th minute after the only fluid move of the game had given him time to beat Hallworth. His joy was shortlived: his shot ricocheted off the upright and Rae headed the loose ball wide.

In the second half, Oldham tightened their defence, though their football did not improve. But, as Graeme Sharp, their manager, said: "In this position, you have to scrap for everything you get."

They took the lead through a penalty. Witter, clearly astonished to find a Belisha beacon in the area, brought down Richardson, who converted his sixth spot-kick of the season. Sharp's comment that his team were playing for their careers suddenly hit home. Rae and Makin were dismissed for brawling and Oldham's clearances were as desperate as Millwall's shots.

Having spent 11 weeks at the top of the division, Millwall are now left only with games against Stoke City and Ipswich Town and are prime candidates for relegation. This may surprise statisticians but not Jimmy Nicholl, the Millwall manager. For if one interprets Nicholl correctly, Millwall's reign was accidental. His players have no idea how to achieve anything.

"I am not going to destroy them as such," Nicholl said, and then proceeded to do just that. "You can't get rid of 30 pros in a clean sweep," he mused, clearly wishing that he could. The focus for his dismay was Millwall's indiscipline, which led to his first-choice back four being suspended on Saturday. He will now lose Rae for the game at Portman Road.

"I don't care if I go down as the biggest failure in the history of Millwall Football Club," Nicholl said. "I am going to sort out this discipline problem, once and for all."

Had Millwall possessed a half-decent striker, such zeal might have been kept under wraps. As it is, do not expect to see Nicholl celebrating should Millwall keep their first-division status. "And we are going to have a big party at the end of the season because we have just managed to avoid relegation?" he asked. "Don't believe it."

MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — M Doyle (sub: L Neill, 63min), J Connor, A Witter, A Hogan (sub: U Fuchs, 82) — R Newman (sub: R Cadette, 70), A Rae, R Bowry, M Weir — S Yuran, C Malkin.
OLDHAM ATHLETIC (3-5-2): J Hallworth — C Fleming, I Snodin (sub: A Hughes, 81), S Redmond — C Makin, R Graham, L Richardson, P Rickers, C Serrant — S McCarthy (sub: S Barlow, 72), G Creaney.
Referee: G Pooley

Leicester aware of credibility gap

Leicester City	2
Huddersfield Town	1

By David Maddock

IT HAS become something of a joke, this business of promotion from the Endsleigh Insurance League. You know the sort of thing . . . sides climbing into the top flight have about the same prospects come Christmas as a Bernard Matthews turkey.

But, to the teams engaged in the sweaty grapple for ascendancy at the summit of the first division, it is no laughing matter. How many clubs in the first division can realistically hope to survive, let alone thrive, in the rarefied atmosphere of the FA Carling Premiership? One? Possibly. The financial gulf between the two divisions has become so wide that clubs are seriously questioning whether it is worth the risk of going up at all, if the outcome is almost certain relegation, and the despair that brings. Better a big fish with limited horizons than shark fodder.

Both teams in a contest of reasonable quality supported that assertion. They both have players who could make the transition to a higher level, Emile Heskey, the Leicester City forward, in particular displaying a rare combination of athleticism and skill. But even £10 million spent wisely in the summer sales would not increase significantly their prospects of staying up.

It is a problem that has not escaped the attention of Martin George, the Leicester chairman, and a member of the Endsleigh League management committee. He describes it as a "credibility gap", and argues, passionately, that the Premiership must work urgently with their lower division colleagues to ensure that the relegation issue does not end up as pure farce.

"The Premiership has to realise that they will be just as badly affected if there is effectively no promotion and relegation from their league, just a constant yo-yo, which is what is already developing. Their competition will lack credibility," he said.

With this victory, Leicester revived their chances of a tilt at the Premiership windmills, via the play-offs. Heskey created both goals, the first a delightful cross after 40 minutes to allow Walsh to volley into the right corner. Seven minutes into the second half, a strong run and inspirational pass allowed Claridge to sidefoot into an open goal.

In between, Bullock, of Huddersfield Town, scored with a delicious strike from distance. For both sides, a day out at Wembley may just be the limit of their ambitions this season.

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — S Grayson, J Watts, S Walsh, M Whitlow — M Izzet, N Lennon, S Taylor, E Heskey — S Claridge, M Robins (sub: G Parker, 82min)
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): S Francis — S Jenkins, P Scully, K Gray, T Cowan — R Edwards, M Ward (sub: S Collins, 75), D Bullock, L Makel (sub: S Baldrey, 64) — A Booth, R Jepson (sub: R Rowe, 75).
Referee: C Wilkes.

Swindon unable to celebrate in style

Blackpool	1
Swindon Town	1

By Peter Ball

SWINDON Town gained the point they needed to return to the Endsleigh Insurance League first division at Bloomfield Road on Saturday and give their manager, Steve McMahon, the "greatest moment" of a career littered with honours. However, there was no champagne with which to celebrate.

Instead, a niggling afternoon, which did nothing for Blackpool's reputation for hospitality, culminated in a heated exchange outside the dressing-rooms as Sam Allardyce, the Blackpool manager, broke up his opposite number's press conference. McMahon had just started when Allardyce stormed in to order the press out, shoving and shouting.

McMahon's protests were ignored. When he responded angrily, the PA system announcer, Chris Hull Sr, an undertaker by trade and father of the Endsleigh League press officer who had pointed the waiting journalists to McMahon, joined in with some pithy remarks suggesting McMahon should go back to Merseyside.

"Thanks for the champagne, Sam," McMahon called sarcastically. Blackpool had not fulfilled the niceties by sending a bottle into the visitors' dressing-room, a custom on such occasions. The disruption of his press conference upset the manager more.

"I think it's outrageous," McMahon said when he resumed on the field with Swindon's chanting supporters in the background. "It puts a damper on it. But it's fantastic to get straight back. Now we need to consolidate."

On Saturday, they looked a class, maybe several classes, ahead of Blackpool, whose raw-boned approach was mirrored by their manager afterwards.

Allison headed down Robinson's cross for Horlock to score his fifteenth goal of the season, an impressive return for a midfield player, but Swindon failed to build on that platform, and Blackpool's determination brought them back into it. Swindon looked capable of weathering the storm until Barlow claimed his first goal for Blackpool with a fine, swerving 25-yard shot.

BLACKPOOL (4-2-3-1): E Nixon — M Bryan, J Lydiate, D Linighan, A Barlow — M Mellon, M Bonner (sub: A Ellis, 67min) — J Quinn, A Watson (sub: P Brown, 85), L Philpott — A Preece.
SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2): F Digby — M Robinson, J Culverhouse, S Taylor — P Allen (sub: M Seagraves, 86), S Leitch (sub: W O'Sullivan, 22), D Preece, K Horlock, P Bodin — W Allison, P Thorne (sub: S Cowe, 89min)
Referee: J Rushton.

Loyal retainers at heart of Rangers' long reign

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

Celtic beat Falkirk 4-0 on Saturday, but will still have sensed dejection approaching. At Fir Park, Rangers won 3-1 against Motherwell and now need a single victory to take the Bell's Scottish League premier division title for an eighth consecutive season. For their supporters, little anxiety remains.

Instead they can study their diaries and wonder whether the euphoria will come after Aberdeen's visit to Ibrox on Sunday or on the trip to Kilmarnock for the last league match of the season. It now seems virtually certain that Celtic will be left to ponder a set of triumphant statistics that have failed to bring them a trophy.

Tommy Burns's side has lost just one league game, a record matched only by Porto in the whole of Europe. Given those circumstances, Celtic hardly deserve to be scolded, but their vulnerability has lain in frittering away points in goalless draws. Such a result, at Motherwell last month, may come to be regarded as the fatal wound for the team.

At that same ground on Saturday, Rangers demonstrated their superior capacity to impose themselves, taking the lead in the fifth minute through Stuart McCall's low drive. The visitors bristled with a sense of purpose, eventually overwhelming the stolid Motherwell defence with the repeated runs from midfield of Paul Gascoigne, Gordon Durie, Brian Laudrup, David Robertson and McCall.

The appetite for trophies continues to be remarkable. Teams go into decline once they have been sated by success and managers will commonly sign players in an attempt to graft on fresh ambition. While Rangers' transfer dealings have been numerous, though, the engrossing tumult of arrivals and departures at Ibrox disguises a different trait.

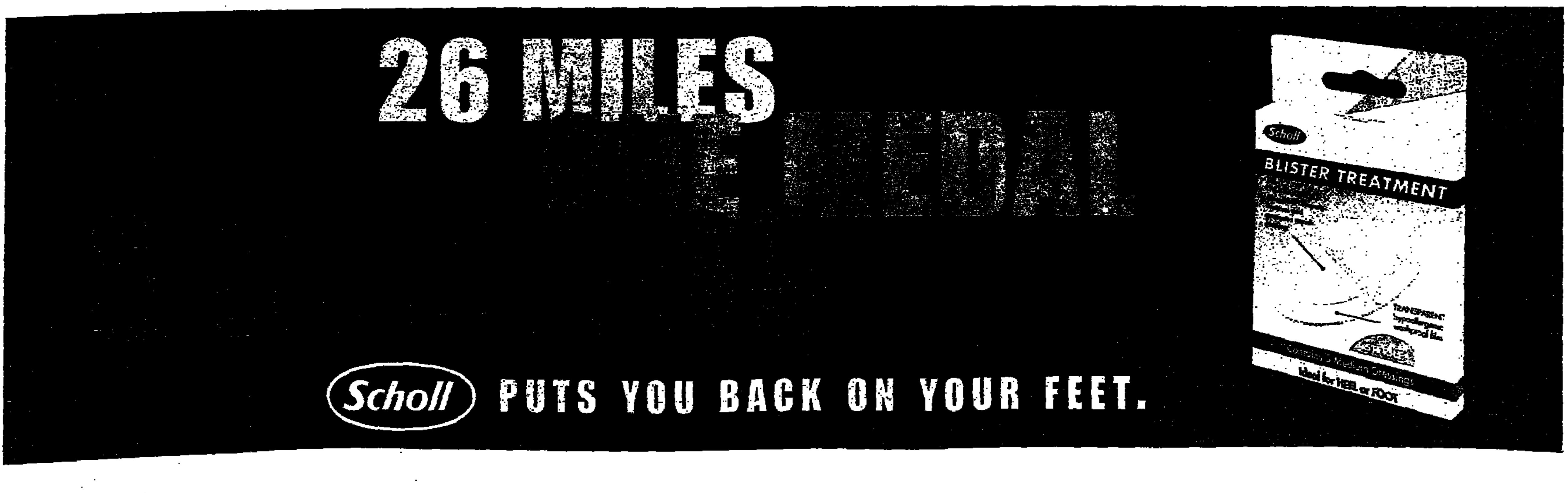
Rangers are less inclined to tamper with their team than is supposed. Six of the side which defeated Motherwell, for example, have been at the club for five years or more. Of that group, John Brown and Richard Gough, the captain, were signed even before the first of the present sequence of championships was won, in 1989.

The flourishes of Laudrup and Gascoigne, who is now only one booking away from a suspension that would rule him out of the Tennents Scottish Cup final, have been important to Rangers, but the understated service of familiar faces has mattered as much. There are strengths about the club which are almost hidden.

Celtic's progress has taken them much closer to Rangers, but overtaking their rivals will still be a difficult manoeuvre. Assuming that the title is now bound for Ibrox, it may be that one will not know until next season what worth this season has had for Burns's players. One wonders how Celtic will react to the experience of finding their great efforts wholly unrewarded.

Burns appreciates that he cannot complacently send out the same team next season in the hope that all the recent improvement has given them an irresistible momentum. Instead, there will continue to be changes as he tries to give his side more ways of winning its matches. Jorgé Cadete, signed at the end of March, is still not fit enough to start games after the four-month dispute with Sporting Lisbon that kept him out of football, but it is already evident that he will bring searing pace to the attack.

Appearing for the last 15 minutes against Falkirk, he delicately lobbed the goalkeeper to score himself and then created a goal for Simon Donnelly. The forward's feats, however, are really only a trailer for next season. The advances of the past few months have given Celtic supporters a sense of anticipation, even if it is Rangers who will surely collect the prize.



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FIRST DIVISION

DERBY (0) 1 BIRMINGHAM (0) 1
Simpson 55
Breen 74
16,757

GRIMSBY (0) 0 SHEFF UTD (2) 2
Walker 7
Taylor 22
7,685

LEICESTER (1) 2 HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1
Walsh 40
Claridge 62
Bullock 47
17,619

LUTON (0) 0 WATFORD (0) 0
9,454
Sent off: G Alexander (Luton) 90

MILLWALL (0) 0 OLDHAM (0) 1
Richardson 57 (pen)
9,574
Sent off: A Rae (Millwall) 79
C Makin (Oldham) 79

NORWICH (0) 2 WEST BROM (1) 2
Cureton 78
Eadie 84
Taylor 30
Sneekes 61
14,667

PORT VALE (0) 1 TRANMERE (0) 1
Naylor 61
O'Brien 70
7,419

PORTSMTH (0) 0 BARNSLEY (0) 0
8,744

READING (0) 0 CHARLTON (0) 0
9,773

SOUTHEND (1) 2 IPSWICH (1) 1
Dublin 30
Marsh 90
Milton 6
8,363

WOLVRHMPTN (0) 0 C PALACE (1) 2
Hopkin 31
Dyer 55
24,350

Yesterday

SUNDRLAND (0) 0 STOKE (0) 0
21,276

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 SWINDON (1) 1
Barlow 61
Horlock 14
9,175

BOURNEMTH (0) 0 WALSALL (0) 0
4,380
Sent off: R Beardsmore (Bournemth) 88

BRADFORD (0) 2 CHESTRFLD (1) 1
Hamilton 53
Ormondroyd 79
McDougald 28
6,803

BRIGHTON (1) 1 CARLISLE (0) 0
Rowe 7
6,131
Sent off: J Minton (Brighton) 16
W Aspinall (Carlisle) 16

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 OXFORD UTD (0) 2
Rush 55
Moody 73
7,674

CREWE (0) 0 ROTHERHAM (1) 2
Goodwin 37
Jemson 69 (pen)
5,685
Sent off: S Smith (Crewe) 32

NOTTS CO (0) 1 BURNLEY (1) 1
Battersby 64
Swan 31
5,637

PETERBORO (0) 0 BRISTOL R (0) 0
4,824

SHRWSBURY (2) 2 BRENTFORD (1) 1
Scott 5, 18
McGhee 44
2,711

STOCKPORT (2) 3 YORK (0) 0
Flynn 30, 45
Bound 65 (pen)
6,286

WREXHAM (2) 5 HULL (0) 0
Connolly 12, 53
Russell 31
Phillips 60
Morris 82
3,400
Sent off: G Abbott (Hull) 76

WYCOMBE (0) 0 SWANSEA (0) 1
Chapman 55
3,672

THIRD DIVISION

CARDIFF (0) 0 PLYMOUTH (0) 1
Evans 60
3,374

DARLINGTON (2) 4 BURY (0) 0
Carmichael 12
Blake 17
Painter 67, 77
4,325

DONCASTER (0) 1 BARNET (0) 0
Clark 90
1,579

EXETER (2) 2 COLCHESTER (1) 2
Braithwaite 11
Chamberlain 25
Caesar 6
McGleish 65
2,783

FULHAM (0) 1 WIGAN (0) 0
Hamill 77
4,657

HARTLPOOL (1) 3 LINCOLN (0) 0
Henderson 29
Allon 74, 76
3,012

L ORIENT (0) 0 PRESTON (1) 2
Saville 10, 60
5,170

MANSFIELD (1) 1 HEREFORD (1) 2
Harper 31
White 45 (pen)
Hargreaves 84
2,358
Sent off: W Hackett (Mansfield) 44

NORTHMPTN (0) 1 GILLINGHAM (1) 1
Burns 66
Fortune-West 8
7,407

ROCHDALE (1) 1 SCUNTHRPE (0) 1
Deary 3
Clarkson 64
1,654
Sent off: D Bayliss (Rochdale) 31

SCARBORO (1) 2 CAMBRIDGE U (0) 0
Rockett 21
Charles 89
1,401

TORQUAY (0) 1 CHESTER (0) 1
Baker 71
Priest 52
2,549

GOALSCORERS

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP. 37: Shearer (Blackburn) 36: Fowler (Liverpool) 28: Ferdinand (Newcastle) 25: Yorke (Aston Villa) 24: Sheringham (Tottenham) 22: Wright (Arsenal) 20: Armstrong (Tottenham) 19: Yeboah (Leeds) 18: Collymore (Liverpool) 17: Cantona (Manchester Utd) 16: Dublin (Coventry) Holdsworth (Wimbledon) First division: 28: Edwards (Huddersfield 21 for Crewe) Barnes (Birmingham, 22 for York) 27: Aldridge (Tranmere) 23: Freedman (Crystal Palace 3 for Barnet) 22: Taylor (West Brom) 21: Booth (Huddersfield) 20: Roberts (Leicester), Payton (Barnsley); Goodman (Wolverhampton) White (Watford 15 for Notts County) Second division: 28: Stewart (Bristol Rovers) 24: Nogan (Burnley) 23: Martindale (Notts County, 18 for Peterborough) Goater (Rotherham) 22: Lightbourne (Walsall) 21: Connolly (Wrexham) Third division: 30: White (Hereford) 29: Dale (Cardiff) 28: Saville (Preston) 24: Whitehall (Rochdale) 19: McFarlane (Scunthorpe)

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (0) 1 HEARTS (0) 1
Windass 53 (pen)
Locke 63
11,000

CELTIC (2) 4 FALKIRK (0) 0
Thom 11, 40
Cadete 86
Donnelly 90
35,895

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 RAITH (0) 1
McGinlay 82
Millar 47
7,671

KILMARNCK (0) 2 PARTICK (0) 1
Skilling 63
Black 84 (pen)
Turner 73
7,276

MOTHERWLL (0) 1 RANGERS (2) 3
Arnott 68
McCall 5
Bo Andersen 43
Gascoigne 58
13,128

FIRST DIVISION

DUNDEE (1) 3 CLYDEBANK (0) 0
Charnley 25
Hamilton 71
McCann 89
1,403

DUNFRLNE (0) 4 DUMBARTON (1) 1
French 46
Smith 58
Moore 63
Shaw 83
Dallas 21
5,971

G MORTON (1) 1 ST JOHNSTN (0) 0
Johnstone 19
5,500

ST MIRREN (2) 2 AIRDRIE (1) 1
Lavety 13
Taylor 45
Connelly 44
2,050
Sent off: R Gillies (St Mirren) 56

Postponed: Hamilton v Dundee Utd.
Pools panel verdict: Hamilton v Dundee United (away win)

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (0) 1 STRANRAER (0) 0
Banks 49 (pen)
373
Sent off: N Howard (Stranraer) 48

CLYDE (0) 2 AYR (0) 0
Annand 52, 72
1,047

EAST FIFE (0) 1 FORFAR (0) 0
Chalmers 79
1,486
Sent off: R Mann (Forfar) 86

MONTROSE (0) 0 STIRLING (1) 3
Mailer 17 (og)
Taggart 56
Bone 69
824

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 3
Hunter 66
Bryce 51, 53
Wilson 62
450

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA (0) 0 BRECHIN (0) 3
Brand 56, 67
Buick 57
369

ARBROATH (1) 1 ROSS CO (0) 1
Pew 16
Grant 47
429

CALEY THIS (1) 1 ALBION (1) 1
Christie 45
Reilly 5
673

EAST STIRLING (0) 1 COWDNBTH (0) 1
McBride 79
Scott 80
294

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 LIVINGSTON (0) 0
1,100

GOALSCORERS

PREMIER DIVISION: 30: Van Hooydonk (Celtic) 19: McCoist (Rangers) 18: Durie (Rangers) 16: Wright (Kilmarnock); Gascoigne (Rangers)

CONFERENCE

ALTRNCHM (1) 2 HEDNESFORD (0) 1
Hardy 21
Doherty 53
O'Connor 87
731

BATH (0) 1 STEVENAGE (1) 2
Withey 62
Hayles 21
Beevor 49
806

BROMSGROVE (1) 3 KETTERING (1) 2
Carter 41, 74
Amos 87
Benjamins 45
Dowling 68
824

DAG AND RED (1) 2 RUNCORN (1) 3
Stringfellow 40, 90 (pen)
Thomas 16
Clowes 47
Allen 71
755

FARNBOROUGH (0) 2 TELFORD (0) 1
Boothe 72
Wingfield 75
Adams 65
784

HALIFAX (1) 2 WOKING (0) 2
Brook 18, 66
Walker 80
Baron 86
1,064

KIDDRMNSTR (0) 1 GATESHEAD (0) 1
Hughes 62
Harkus 85
1,509

SLOUGH (0) 1 MORECAMBE (1) 1
Hercules 46
McCluskie 31
882

STALYBRDGE (2) 2 DOVER (0) 0
Goodacre 28
Coathup 45
533

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Stevenage	38	12	5	2	49	19	13	3	3	47	22	83
2 Woking	39	15	4	0	43	13	9	3	8	36	38	79
3 Hednesford	40	12	3	5	35	20	10	3	7	32	24	72
4 Macclsfld	36	12	3	4	30	14	9	3	5	30	26	69
5 Kiddrmnstr	39	13	3	3	46	22	5	6	9	28	37	63
6 Gateshead	39	8	6	5	29	22	9	5	6	25	21	62
7 Southport	38	9	6	4	40	24	8	4	7	33	33	61
8 Farnborough	40	8	5	7	27	21	7	7	6	31	32	57
9 Morecambe	39	11	2	7	48	32	5	5	9	26	37	55
10 Bromsgrove	38	10	5	3	31	18	4	8	8	26	36	55
11 Stalybrdge	39	9	3	8	28	32	6	4	9	24	29	52
12 Altrnchm	39	7	6	6	29	28	6	6	8	24	33	51
13 Halifax	41	8	7	6	30	25	4	6	10	18	38	49
14 Kettering	38	9	5	5	37	23	4	4	11	28	45	48
15 Northwich	35	7	3	8	28	31	5	7	5	24	24	46
16 Slough	39	4	6	10	35	43	9	1	9	26	28	46
17 Telford	39	7	7	6	24	22	5	3	11	18	31	46
18 Bath	39	9	2	8	26	28	4	3	13	15	32	44
19 Welling	39	5	8	6	19	21	3	7	10	19	29	39
20 Dover	40	8	0	12	28	37	3	5	12	22	36	38
21 Runcorn	39	4	5	10	20	36	4	3	13	22	44	32
22 Dag and Red	39	4	7	9	28	34	2	5	12	11	35	30

FA TROPHY

Semi-finals, second leg

CHORLEY (1) 1 MACCLSFLD (0) 1
Ross 36
Sorvel 87
3,048
(Macclesfield win 4-2 on agg)

NORTHWICH (1) 1 HYDE (0) 0
Abel 41
2,809
(Northwich win 3-1 on agg)

Painter brushes weary Bury aside

Mark Hodkinson

on a promotion scrap amid the sounds of summer

TOM FINNIE

An anxious Bury supporter watches his side come unstuck at Feethams

The tranquillity of a summer to come could be felt at Darlington Football Club's Feethams ground. On one side, a match was in progress at Darlington Cricket Club and football supporters in T-shirts and slacks ambled past, affording proceedings the odd impassive glimpse. On the other side, and visible from the main stand, several tennis matches were unfolding languidly at the nearby Polam Hall school.

Trapped in this sandwich of serenity, Darlington and Bury, the Quakers and the Shakers, set about each other with a passion. They both hold dreams of an escape from professional football's lowest caste and an entry, whether automatic or via the play-offs, to the second division of the Endsleigh Insurance League.

It was expected to be a tense, even affair, with a scarcity of goals, but Darlington, the 4-0 victors, gave the impression that they were already in a different league to their promotion rivals.

Much of Darlington's potency is built on their centre-back pairing of Gregan and Crosby. They both stand at 6ft 2in and have a combined weight of nearly 27 stone. They form a wall of muscle across their penalty area and, when matters get anxious, they cheerfully send the ball to the adjacent cricket field.

In their black and white hoops, Darlington poured over Bury from the kick-off and fastened themselves to their opponents like sticky mint humbugs. Every ball was chased to ground and no one dared stop to draw breath. Harmony was brought to the clutter when Carmichael, deep in the Bury penalty box, placed the ball past Bracey. Crosby headed onto the underside of the crossbar before Blake put Darlington two to the good with a goal lifted from Carmichael's template.

Bury responded with candid exertion but Darlington, their nerves now soothed, played rich, flowing football, especially when they approached the Bury goal. On a rare occasion when the ball reached the Darlington penalty area it bounced awkwardly and made contact with Brumwell's hand. Mark Carter, the impish Bury striker, placed the ball on the penalty spot. A hush fell upon Feethams and one heard the clean crack of willow from the other side of the Tin Shed, the name the Darlington supporters have given to their "end" behind the goal. Carter's effort was wretched, trickling along the sand and patchy grass for Newell to save easily.

Painter and Blake continued to pass the ball around and through a bewildered Bury defence, in which only Lucketti stood tall against the onslaught. Carmichael hoofed the ball forward to Painter, who confidently stroked it beyond Bracey. He did the same again before the final whistle to supply a scoreline which did not exaggerate Darlington's superiority.

Despite the result, Bury have four points more than Darlington and still look favourites to command an automatic promotion spot while Darlington scrap it out with the likes of Plymouth Argyle, Wigan and Hereford United in the play-offs.

Carter, pertinently in the circumstances, put the match into the context of an arduous season. "Darlington were much the better side today," he said. "They got the early goal and that really helped them. We still have a cushion of a few points on them and the others chasing us. We've earned that right because of the long run of results we've put together up until today."

He acknowledged that his penalty miss was a pivotal point in the game. "Of course, it might have been very different if that had gone in. The keeper took a guess and guessed right, that's just the way it is sometimes."

DARLINGTON (4-3-3): P Newell — P Brumwell (sub: S Shaw, 81), A Crosby, S Gregan, M Barnard — M Carmichael, G Bannister, S Gaughan — R Painter, R Blake, A Carss (sub: P Mattison, 88).

BURY (4-4-2): L Bracey — D West, C Lucketti, M Jackson, I Hughes (sub: M Serton, 77) — N Daws (sub: P Stant, 60), G Brabin, L Johnrose, D Pugh — M Carter, D Johnson (sub: R Matthews, 45)

Referee: R Poulain

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Man Utd	36	14	4	0	31	9	9	3	6	34	26	76	+30
2 Newcastle	35	17	0	1	37	8	6	4	7	26	27	73	+28
3 Liverpool	35	13	4	1	45	13	6	5	6	22	19	66	+35
4 A Villa	36	11	5	2	32	14	7	4	7	20	19	63	+19
5 Arsenal	35	9	6	2	28	15	7	4	7	18	15	58	+16
6 Blackburn	36	14	1	3	43	18	3	5	10	14	26	57	+13
7 Tottenham	35	9	4	5	25	18	6	7	4	20	17	56	+10
8 Everton	36	9	5	4	34	19	6	5	7	24	23	55	+16
9 Nottm F	35	10	5	2	25	16	4	7	7	21	32	54	-2
10 West Ham	36	9	4	5	24	20	5	4	9	18	28	50	-6
11 Chelsea	36	7	7	4	28	19	5	6	7	15	21	49	+3
12 Middlsbro	36	8	3	7	27	24	3	7	8	8	22	43	-11
13 Leeds	35	8	3	6	20	17	4	3	11	19	36	42	-14
14 Wimbledon	36	5	6	7	27	31	5	4	9	28	37	40	-13
15 Sheff Wed	36	7	5	6	28	26	3	4	11	17	29	39	-10
16 Southmptn	36	7	6	5	21	18	1	4	13	12	34	34	-19
17 Coventry	36	6	6	6	21	23	1	7	10	19	37	34	-20
18 Man City	36	7	6	5	19	17	1	4	13	11	39	34	-26
19 QPR	36	5	5	8	22	26	3	1	14	13	28	30	-19
20 Bolton	36	5	4	9	16	30	3	1	14	22	38	29	-30

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FIRST DIVISION

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Sundrland	44	13	7	2	32	10	9	9	4	27	21	82	(59)
2 Derby	44	13	8	1	46	21	7	8	7	21	26	76	(67)
3 C Palace	44	9	9	4	34	21	11	6	5	32	24	75	(66)
4 Stoke	43	12	6	4	31	15	6	7	8	25	30	67	(56)
5 Charlton	43	8	9	4	27	22	8	9	5	28	21	66	(55)
6 Leicester	44	8	7	7	29	29	9	7	6	33	31	65	(62)
7 Ipswich	43	12	4	5	43	29	5	7	10	33	39	62	(76)
8 Huddersfld	43	14	4	4	42	22	3	7	11	18	33	62	(60)
9 Birmingham	44	11	7	4	36	21	4	6	12	24	38	58	(60)
10 Sheff Utd	44	9	6	7	28	24	6	7	9	25	29	58	(53)
11 Southend	44	11	7	4	29	21	4	6	12	22	38	58	(51)
12 Port Vale	42	9	5	7	28	28	5	9	7	28	33	56	(56)
13 West Brom	43	10	5	7	31	27	5	5	11	25	38	55	(56)
14 Barnsley	43	9	8	4	32	26	4	8	10	23	37	55	(55)
15 Tranmere	43	8	9	5	40	29	5	6	10	21	30	54	(61)
16 Norwich	44	7	9	6	25	22	6	6	10	32	31	54	(57)
17 Grimsby	43	8	9	5	26	24	6	3	12	24	37	54	(50)
18 Wolvrhmptn	43	8	8	6	34	28	5	6	10	21	30	53	(55)
19 Millwall	44	7	8	9	21	25	6	6	10	20	35	51	(41)
20 Reading	43	7	7	7	25	27	4	10	8	24	32	50	(49)
21 Portsmth	44	8	6	8	34	31	4	7	11	26	37	49	(60)
22 Oldham	43	8	7	6	30	20	4	6	12	20	29	49	(50)
23 Watford	43	6	8	7	34	29	2	10	10	20	36	42	(54)
24 Luton	42	6	6	9	28	29	4	6	11	10	28	42	(38)

SECOND DIVISION

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Swindon	42	12	9	1	37	16	11	6	3	28	15	84	(65)
2 Blackpool	44	14	5	3	40	18	8	8	6	24	20	79	(64)
3 Oxford Utd	43	15	4	2	42	14	6	7	9	22	24	74	(64)
4 Notts Co	43	12	6	3	36	20	7	9	6	21	17	72	(57)
5 Crewe	43	12	3	6	37	21	9	4	9	36	34	70	(73)
6 Wrexham	44	12	6	4	51	25	5	10	7	24	28	67	(75)
7 Bradford	43	14	3	4	38	23	6	3	13	27	42	66	(65)
8 Stockport	43	7	9	6	28	20	11	3	7	31	25	66	(59)
9 Chestrfld	42	13	6	2	37	18	5	6	10	18	28	66	(55)
10 Bristol R	43	11	4	7	27	27	7	6	8	27	30	64	(54)
11 Wycombe	44	8	8	6	32	26	6	7	9	26	31	57	(58)
12 Walsall	42	9	7	4	30	18	5	5	11	20	24	57	(50)
13 Bristol City	44	9	6	7	24	19	5	9	8	26	36	57	(50)
14 Bournemth	44	11	5	6	31	25	4	5	13	18	43	55	(49)
15 Brentford	44	11	6	5	22	15	3	7	12	18	32	55	(40)
16 Shrwsbury	43	7	8	7	31	27	6	6	9	25	33	53	(56)
17 Rotherham	43	10	7	4	29	19	3	7	12	20	38	53	(49)
18 Peterboro	43	8	6	8	37	26	4	7	10	18	33	49	(55)
19 York	42	8	6	7	28	26	4	7	10	27	31	49	(55)
20 Burnley	42	8	8	5	33	26	4	5	12	18	37	49	(51)
21 Swansea	44	7	8	7	25	28	3	6	13	16	46	44	(41)
22 Carlisle	43	9	6	6	31	19	1	7	14	22	48	43	(53)
23 Brighton	43	6	7	9	24	28	4	3	14	19	34	40	(43)
24 Hull	43	4	8	10	24	34	1	8	12	9	35	31	(33)

THIRD DIVISION

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Preston	44	10	8	4	42	22	11	9	2	32	16	80	(74)
2 Gillingham	44	15	6	1	32	6	6	10	6	16	14	79	(48)
3 Bury	44	10	6	6	30	21	11	6	5	32	26	75	(62)
4 Plymouth	44	13	5	4	38	20	7	7	8	26	29	72	(64)
5 Darlington	43	9	6	7	27	20	9	11	1	26	18	71	(53)
6 Wigan	44	15	3	4	35	19	5	7	10	25	33	70	(60)
7 Hereford	42	11	5	4	34	20	7	9	6	23	22	68	(57)
8 Barnet	44	12	8	4	37	19	5	9	8	22	23	66	(59)
9 Colchester	44	12	7	3	36	22	4	11	7	22	28	66	(58)
10 Chester	43	9	9	3	42	21	7	7	8	26	28	64	(68)
11 Northmptn	43	9	9	4	31	21	8	3	10	17	20	63	(48)
12 Exeter	44	9	8	5	24	21	4	9	9	21	29	56	(45)
13 Scunthrpe	43	8	6	7	31	25	6	7	9	27	30	55	(58)
14 Rochdale	44	7	8	7	32	32	7	5	10	25	26	55	(57)
15 Doncaster	43	10	6	6	23	18	5	4	12	22	38	55	(45)
16 Fulham	44	10	8	4	39	26	2	8	12	18	34	52	(57)
17 Mansfield	43	5	10	6	22	27	5	10	7	28	33	50	(50)
18 Lincoln	44	7	7	8	27	26	5	6	11	24	46	49	(51)
19 Hartlpool	43	8	9	5	30	22	4	4	13	16	36	49	(46)
20 Cambs Utd	44	7	8	7	32	30	5	4	13	24	41	48	(56)
21 L Orient	44	11	3	8	26	19	1	7	14	15	39	46	(41)
22 Cardiff	44	7	6	9	21	20	3	6	13	17	39	42	(38)
23 Scarboro	44	5	11	6	21	24	3	5	14	17	40	40	(38)
24 Torquay	43	4	9	9	17	33	1	5	15	13	41	29	(30)

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Rangers	34	12	3	2	44	15	13	3	1	35	9	81	+55
2 Celtic	34	11	5	1	38	11	11	6	0	30	11	77	+44
3 Aberdeen	34	10	1	6	29	16	5	6	6	20	25	52	+8
4 Hearts	34	9	2	6	32	26	6	4	7	21	26	51	+1
5 Kilmarnck	34	8	4	5	25	18	3	4	10	14	32	41	-11
6 Raith	34	6	5	6	21	21	5	2	10	17	32	40	-15
7 Hibernian	34	6	5	6	24	26	4	4	9	17	30	39	-15
8 Motherwll	34	6	5	6	14	15	3	6	8	13	21	38	-9
9 Partick	34	3	5	9	10	24	5	1	11	17	33	30	-30
10 Falkirk	34	4	3	10	16	25	2	2	13	13	32	23	-28

FIRST DIVISION

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Dunfrlne	34	10	4	3	38	22	9	4	4	32	18	65	+30
2 Dundee Utd	33	11	3	3	47	17	7	6	3	22	17	63	+35
3 G Morton	34	10	3	4	30	14	9	3	5	24	23	63	+17
4 St Johnstn	34	10	5	2	32	14	8	2	7	27	22	61	+23
5 Dundee	34	5	7	5	24	20	10	3	4	29	20	55	+13
6 St Mirren	34	8	2	9	22	28	7	6	4	23	20	47	-3
7 Airdrie	34	4	6	7	24	25	5	4	8	18	27	37	-10
8 Clydebank	34	6	4	7	19	21	3	6	8	17	33	37	-18
9 Hamilton	33	4	3	9	20	23	4	3	10	15	30	30	-18
10 Dumbarton	34	2	1	14	10	35	1	1	15	12	56	11	-69

SECOND DIVISION

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Stirling	34	11	4	2	32	12	11	5	1	46	15	75	+51
2 East Fife	34	8	6	3	27	16	11	4	2	23	11	67	+23
3 Berwick	34	9	4	4	30	17	8	2	7	29	25	57	+17
4 Stenhsmuir	34	8	3	6	26	19	6	3	8	25	28	48	+4
5 Clyde	34	7	3	7	28	23	4	8	5	17	18	44	+4
6 Ayr	34	6	6	5	25	18	4	6	7	13	20	42	0
7 Queen Of S	34	6	5	6	26	37	5	3	9	27	29	41	-13
8 Stranraer	34	6	9	2	21	14	1	8	8	16	29	38	-6
9 Forfar	34	7	3	7	17	30	2	4	11	14	29	34	-28
10 Montrose	34	3	2	12	18	38	2	2	13	14	46	19	-52

THIRD DIVISION

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
1 Livingston	34	7	5	5	18	14	12	4	1	28	9		
2 Brechin	34	10	3	4	25	8	8	6	3	16	9	66	+23
3 Caley This	34	5	8	4	27	21	9	4	4	35	15	63	+24
4 Ross Co	34	6	9	1	29	16	6	8	4	28	19	54	+26
5 Arbroath	34	5	7	5	20	20	7	6	4	19	17	53	+20
6 Queen's Pk	34	6	8	4	21	15	4	4	8	15	26	49	+2
7 East Stirling	34	5	3	9	23	32	4	8	5	29	29	42	-5
8 Cowdnbth	34	7	5	5	24	20	3	3	11	18	34	38	-9
9 Alloa	34	4	3	10	16	36	1	8	8	8	20	38	-12
10 Albion	34	4	4	9	19	28	2	4	11	16	44	26	-32

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

PREMIER DIVISION: Accrington Stanley 3 Colwyn Bay 1, Barrow 1 Buxton 0, Blyth Spartans 4 Knowsley 1; Droylsden 1 Bamber Bridge 2, Frickley 1 Leek 1; Gainsborough 1 Witton 0; Spennymoor 2 Marine 2, Winsford 1 Guiseley 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bamber Bridge	39	20	15	4	76	41	75
Barrow	39	19	12	8	65	39	69
Gainsborough	39	18	12	9	54	38	66
Hyde Utd	36	19	8	9	77	42	65
Boston Utd	38	20	5	13	75	53	65
Blyth Spartans	38	16	12	10	69	53	60
* Accrington S	40	16	13	11	59	53	58
Witton Alb	39	17	7	15	57	56	58
Guiseley	37	15	12	10	56	46	57
Bishop Auckland	40	15	10	15	56	52	55
Emley	38	15	10	13	51	48	55
Marine	37	13	13	11	52	47	52
Spennymoor	38	12	16	10	55	52	52
Chorley	36	13	7	16	60	63	46
Knowsley	40	13	6	21	58	86	45
Leek Town	39	10	14	15	50	51	44
Colwyn Bay	39	8	19	12	40	51	43
Winsford Utd	38	9	14	15	48	70	41
* Frickley	40	10	14	16	58	82	41
Droylsden	40	9	7	24	54	99	34
Matlock	40	7	11	22	66	80	32
Buxton	38	7	9	22	35	69	30

* Three points deducted

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford P A 0 Ashton United 1; Curzon Ashton 0 Lancaster 3; Eastwood Town 3 Gretna 1; Fleetwood 1 Great Harwood 2, Harrogate Town 1 Warrington 3 Leigh 1 Radcliffe 1, Netherfield 3 Congleton 0; Whitley Bay 0 Alfreton 5; Workington 0 Atherton L R 1; Worksop 1 Farsley Celtic 0

BEAZER HOMES

PREMIER DIVISION: Burton 3 Cheltenham 2, Cambridge City 4 Worcester 2, Gloucester 2 Rushden and Diamonds 1, Gravesend and Northfl 0 Halesowen 1; Hastings 2 Gresley 4; Merthyr 1 Crawley 1, Newport AFC 1 Baldock 1, Salisbury 0 Ilkeston 2, Stafford 3 Chelmsford 0; Sudbury 0 Atherstone 1, VS Rugby 0 Dorchester 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rushden and D	39	26	7	6	90	39	85
Halesowen	39	24	11	4	64	34	83
Cheltenham	40	21	9	10	72	53	72
Worcester	39	18	11	10	57	39	65
Gloucester	39	19	8	12	61	44	65
Gresley Rovers	37	18	9	10	62	49	63
Merthyr	39	19	4	16	64	55	61
Crawley Town	38	14	13	11	52	50	55
Hastings	38	14	11	13	62	53	53
Gravesend and N	39	14	10	15	57	57	52
Sudbury Tn	38	14	9	15	63	64	51
Burton	39	13	11	15	53	52	50
Chelmsford	39	11	15	13	41	52	48
Salisbury	39	13	9	17	51	63	48
Newport AFC	38	12	11	15	50	56	47
Baldock Tn	40	11	13	16	50	54	46
Dorchester	38	12	6	18	54	52	44
Cambridge City	38	12	8	18	49	59	44
Atherstone	40	11	11	18	55	73	44
Ilkeston Tn	39	10	9	20	47	81	39
Stafford	40	11	4	25	56	82	37
VS Rugby	39	5	9	25	35	84	24

MIDLAND DIVISION: Bedworth 1 Kings Lynn 0; Bilston 4 Hinckley Town 3, Bury Town 0 Leicester United 1; Corby 4 R C Warwick 0; Evesham 2 Sutton Coldfield 3, Grantham 3 Solihull 4 Moor Green 2 Dudley Town 2; Nuneaton 2 Bridgnorth 0; Paget 1 Tamworth 0; Rothwell 2 Redditch 1, Stourbridge 0 Buckingham Town 2. Southern division: Ashford 1 Fleet 0; Bashley 0 Witney 1; Braintree 1 Waterlooville 1, Forest Green 5 Clevedon 2; Margate 1 Trowbridge 0; Newport I O W 1 Cinderford 3, Sittingbourne 3 Fareham 0; Weston-super-Mare 0 Fisher 93 1; Weymouth 3 Erith and Belvedere 1, Yate 8 Poole 0

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PREMIER DIVISION: Aylesbury 1 Hayes 3; Boreham Wood 0 Bishop's Stortford 1, Bromley 3 Worthing 2; Carshalton 1 Enfield 1, Grays 2 Chertsey 1; Harrow 2 Walton and Hersham 3, Hitchin 2 Purfleet 0, Kingstonian 4 St Albans 1, Molesey 1 Hendon 2; Yeading 5 Dulwich 3, Yeovil 0 Sutton United 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	39	24	7	8	71	32	79
Hayes	38	22	12	4	69	29	78
Yeovil	39	22	10	7	80	49	76
Dulwich	39	22	10	7	80	53	76
Boreham Wood	37	20	11	6	56	25	71
St Albans	41	19	12	10	69	41	69
Kingstonian	40	19	11	10	59	36	68
Harrow Borough	38	18	9	11	64	49	63
Carshalton	36	19	6	11	58	43	63
Sutton Utd	40	16	13	11	67	53	61
Aylesbury	37	15	10	12	62	50	55
Bishop's S	39	14	9	16	52	56	51
Chertsey Tn	39	13	6	20	44	65	45
Yeading	39	10	13	16	41	54	43
Purfleet	40	12	7	21	47	65	43
Grays	39	11	10	18	41	59	43
Hendon	39	11	9	19	51	61	42
Hitchin	40	10	10	20	41	69	40
Bromley	40	10	5	25	51	90	35
Molesey	39	8	8	23	43	79	32
Walton and H	39	8	7	24	40	72	31
Worthing	39	4	7	28	40	96	19

FIRST DIVISION: Barking 1 Ruislip Manor 2; Basingstoke 4 Bognor Regis 2, Berkhamsted 1 Staines 2, Heybridge Swifts 2 Chesham 0; Maidenhead United 3 Barton 4; Oxford City 2 Leyton Pennant 2, Tooting and Mitcham 0 Billericay 1; Uxbridge 0 Aldershot Town 2, Wembley 1 Abingdon Town 1, Wokingham 2 Thame 0. Second division: Bedford Town 0 Metropolitan Police 0; Bracknell 0 Banstead 1, Chalfont St Peter 1 Canvey Island 2; Cheshunt 1 Witham 1; Collier Row 0 Ware 6, Croydon 2 Leatherhead 1, Dorking 1 Tilbury 3, Hampton 1 Edgware 0; Saffron Walden 0 Egham 2; Wivenhoe 3 Hungerford 1. Third division: Aveley 4 Northwood 0, Cove 1 Harlow 1, Epsom and Ewell 1 Hornchurch 4, Flackwell Heath 4 Southall 2; Harefield 0 Lewes 1, Hertford 1 Windsor and Eton 4 Horsham 2 Clapton 1; Tring 2 Camberley 2; Wealdstone 1 Leighton 1

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham Town 2 Croydon Athletic 3, Barkingside 1 Cockfosters 1, Hanwell Town 0 Brook House 0; Hillingdon Boro 1 St Margaretsbury 2; Waltham Abbey 1 Corinthian Casuals 1

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers 2 Eton Manor 1, Brentwood 0 Great Wakering 1; Concord 3 Basildon 1. Premier division Cup: Final: Romford 2 Southend Manor 0.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 6 Hartley Wintney 0; Bedfont 1 Viking Sports 2, Chipstead 2 Feltham 1; Cobham 5 Peppard 1, Cranleigh 1 Horley 4; Reading 2 DCA Basingstoke 0 Sandhurst 0 Godalming and Guildford 0, Walton Casuals 0 Merstham 3

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey 2 Hatfield 1; Milton Keynes 1 Biggleswade 1; Buckingham Athletic 2 Brache Sparta 1; Royston 6 Dunstable 0; Langford 0 Harpenden 0; Toddington 3 Hoddesdon 1; London Colney 3 Letchworth 0; Shillington 0 Welwyn Garden 0

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 4 Bridport 1; Frome 2 Elmore 2; Odd Down 0 Tiverton 7, Mangotsfield 0 Backwell 1; Taunton 2 Brislington 0, Torrington 1 Calne 0.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton 3 Fakenham 1, Great Yarmouth 3 Tiptree 0; Hadleigh 0 Haverhill 2 Halstead 1 March 0; Lowestoft 0 Wisbech 0. Soham 1 Felixstowe P and T 2, Stowmarket 4 Cornard 2; Sudbury 0 Diss 0. Wroxham 1 Harwich and Parkeston 2

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures 3 Bemerton Heath Harl 0, Totton 2 Petersfield 1; Andover 1 Whitchurch 1, Bournemouth 0 B.A.T. 0; Brockenhurst 1 Cowes Sports 2, Downton 0 Lymington 3; Gosport 0 Christchurch 0; Portsmouth R N 2 East Cowes 3.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel 0 Stamco 1; Crowborough 1 Wick 0; Hassocks 0 Langney Sports 0; Horsham Y M C A 1 Hailsham 4; Pagham 2 Eastbourne Town 0; Peacehaven and Telscombe 5 Three Bridges 0; Portfield 3 Burgess Hill 1. Shoreham 1 Whitehawk 1

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Cray 0 Chatham 1; Dartford 1 Folkestone Invicta 0 Furness 2 Canterbury 0; Greenwich 1 Whitstable 7; Herne Bay 2 Sheppey 0; Ramsgate 5 Corinthian 3. Tunbridge Wells 4 Faversham 0

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United 3 Swindon Supermarine 2; Bicester 1 Highworth 0; Brackley 2 Endsleigh 2, Cirencester 0 Almondsbury 0 Fairford 2 North Leigh 3, Lambourn Sports 2 Tuffley 2

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 0 Stotfold 2; Cogenhoe 1 Holbeach 1, Northampton Spencer 0 Raunds 7; Potton 3 Long Buckby 4; Spalding 1 Bourne 2, Wellingborough 4 Stamford 0, Wootton 0 Eynesbury 0. Postponed: Newport Pagnell v St Neots

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Boldmere St Michaels 3 Stapenhill 1, Bolehall Swifts 2 Halesowen Harriers 5, Chasetown 2 Rushall Olympic 0, Hinckley Athletic 0 Stratford 0, Oldbury 1 Shifnal 2 Rocester 2 Barwell 0; Shepshed Dynamo 3 Sandwell 0; West Midlands Police 0 Kynpersley 2; Willenhall 3 Pershore 1

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Ansells 1 Studley B K L 5, Alvechurch Villa 1 Shirley 1, Coleshill 0 Upton 1. Coventry Sphinx 1 Bloxwich 1; Highgate 3 Knowle 3, Kings Heath 4 Northfield 0; Massey Ferguson 1 Chelmsley 0, Mer KA 1 Handrahan Timbers 1; Olton Royals 1 Southam 2, Wellesbourne 1 West Midland Fire Service 0

BANK'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Cradley 0 Bloxwich 2; Darlaston F C 0 Wednesfield F C 2, Lichfield 1 Hill Top 3; Ludlow 0 Stourport 0; Lye 4 Stafford 4, Malvern 1 Brierley Hill 0; Tividale F C 0 Walsall Wood F C 4. Westfields F C 6 Ettingshall H T 1

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Clitheroe 2 Chadderton 0; Flixton 4 Eastwood Hanley 0; Kidsgrove 0 Blackpool Rovers 2. Nantwich 0 Burscough 2; Newcastle Town 2 Glossop North End 0; Penrith 2 Mossley 2, Prescot 3 Holker Old Boys 1. Rossendale 0 Bootle 1, Skelmersdale 2 Darwen 3, Trafford 6 St Helens 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 1 Glasshoughton Welfare 0; Belper Town 3 Pickering Town 1; Brigg Town 1 Hatfield Main 4. Goole Town 1 Ossett Town 0; Hallam 2 Sheffield 1 Liversedge 0 Ashfield United 1. Maltby M W 0 Denaby United 2; North Ferriby United 2 Thackley 1; Ossett Albion 1 Arnold Town 0; Stocksbridge P.S 1 Hucknall Town 0

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington 0 Whitby 1, Chester-le-Street 3 Murton 2, Consett 3 Billingham Synthonia 0; Crook 1 Seaham Red Star 0; Dunston Federation 1 Durham 0, Ferryhill 0 Guisborough 6, Stockton 2 West Auckland 3; Tow Law 3 R T M Newcastle 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 4 Southampton 0; Ipswich 2 Wimbledon 3

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Utd 4 Nottm Forest 0 Yesterday: West Bromwich 2 Leeds 1

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge 1 Watford 4; Charlton Ath 1 Southend 1; Millwall 0 Chelsea 3, Norwich 4 Gillingham 0; West Ham 3 Tottenham Hotspur 2 Second division: Bournemouth 1 Crystal Palace 2, Barnet 2 Bristol 1, Colchester 4 Brentford 1; Reading 2 Bristol 0; Swindon 1 Brighton and Hove 0; Wycombe 5 Wimbledon 1. Postponed: Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cholmeleians 1 Malvernians 3; Etonians 0 Foresters 2.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: O Hamptonians 0 O Tenisonians 1 Senior first division: O Manorians 0 O Tenisonians Res 0, O Tiffinians 2 Chertsey 0, Phoenix 1 Shene 4.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Civil Service 3 West Wickham 1, East Barnet OG 1 South Bank 3, Kew Association 2 Winchmore Hill 2; Norsemen 1 O Actonians 1. Second division: O Stationers 1 Lloyds Bank 5 Third division, Southgate Olympic 0 Bank of England 1

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one: St Mary's Coll 2 Witan 4; Ulysses 2 Nottsborough 0. Senior two: City of London 1 Honourable Artillery Co 0; O Bealonians 3 Wandsworth Bor 2: O Finchleians 3 Corinthian Cas 2; O Woodhouseians 5 Mill Hill Village 0.

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National League: Arsenal 9 Wolverhampton 0; Everton 1 Millwall Lionesses 0 Yesterday: Arsenal 4 Villa Aztecs 1, Liverpool F C Ladies 2 Doncaster Belles 3; Everton 1 Millwall Lionesses 0

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Langford 0 Huddersfield 2 Southern division: Oxford 1 Southampton Saints 1

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 Afan Lido 1, Bangor City 1 Caersws 2, Barry 4 Holywell 0; Briton Ferry 3 Ebbw Vale 1, Cemaes Bay 0 Llansantffraid 0; Cwmbran 0 Porthmadog 1; Inter Cardiff 2 Connah's Quay 1, Newtown 2 Llanelli 0. Ton Pentre 1 Rhyl 1 Yesterday: Inter Cardiff 2 Caernarfon Town 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barry Town	35	27	6	2	81	19	87
Conwy	36	19	11	6	90	52	68
Newtown	35	19	10	6	55	23	67
Bangor City	37	20	6	11	66	58	66
Flint Town	37	19	7	11	75	53	64
Caernarfon	38	16	12	10	75	54	60
Caersws	35	15	6	14	73	86	51
Cwmbran	34	13	11	10	49	41	50
Ebbw Vale	37	13	11	13	53	48	50
Inter Cardiff	37	13	11	13	56	56	50
Porthmadog	38	13	10	15	55	56	49
Llansantffraid	36	13	9	14	58	51	48
Connah's Quay	36	11	13	12	59	55	46
Aberystwyth	37	11	9	17	54	62	42
Holywell	37	12	6	19	52	70	42
Cemaes Bay	35	11	6	18	51	71	39
Briton Ferry	37	10	8	19	61	87	38
Ton Pentre	37	7	15	15	42	60	36
Rhyl	36	9	9	18	42	72	36
Afan Lido	37	8	8	21	30	67	32
Llanelli	37	7	8	22	47	83	29

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ards 2 Bangor 1; Cliftonville 2 Crusaders 1; Glentoran 3 Linfield 0. Portadown 2 Glenavon 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portadown	27	16	7	4	58	37	55
Crusaders	27	15	6	6	42	29	51
Glenavon	27	13	5	9	46	29	44
Glentoran	27	12	7	8	53	37	43
Linfield	27	11	7	9	34	35	40
Cliftonville	27	5	11	11	24	46	26
Ards	27	6	6	15	29	43	24
Bangor	27	3	5	19	21	51	14

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Galway Utd 0 Bohemians 2.

HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora 1 Rothes 1; Deveronvale 1 Forres Mechanics 1; Fort William 0 Lossiemouth 2; Huntly 1 Cove 0; Keith 0 Clachnacuddin 0; Nairn County 0 Elgin 4.

OVERSEAS

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 2 Vicenza 0; Cremonese 0 Piacenza 0, Fiorentina 1 Atalanta 0; Inter 1 Juventus 2, Padova 2 Udinese 3, Parma 3 Bari 1, Roma 4 Napoli 1 Sampdoria 3 Lazio 3 Torino 1 Milan 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Milan	31	19	10	2	50	19	67
Juventus	31	16	6	7	53	31	60
Fiorentina	31	16	8	7	50	34	56
Parma	31	14	10	7	42	29	52
Roma	31	14	9	8	44	31	51
Lazio	31	14	8	9	60	37	50
Inter	31	14	8	9	48	29	50
Sampdoria	31	13	9	9	54	44	48
Vicenza	31	13	8	10	35	33	47
Udinese	31	11	7	13	38	43	40
Cagliari	31	10	7	14	31	45	37
Atalanta	31	10	6	15	34	46	36
Napoli	31	8	11	12	25	39	35
Piacenza	31	8	9	14	27	47	33
Bari	31	7	7	17	43	64	28
Cremonese	31	5	11	15	35	48	26
Torino	31	5	11	15	27	43	26
Padova	31	6	3	22	39	71	21

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bastia 1 Auxerre 1; Bordeaux 0 Lens 0; Cannes 2 Montpellier 1, Gueugnon 0 Lyon 0; Guingamp 0 Rennes 0, Lille 1 Nice 0; Monaco 2 Le Havre 1; Nantes 2 Strasbourg 0; St Etienne 1 Metz 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Auxerre	35	20	5	10	61	26	65
Paris S-G	34	18	9	7	58	32	63
Metz	35	17	11	7	38	27	62
Monaco	35	17	10	8	53	33	61
Lens	35	15	14	6	40	24	59
Montpellier	35	16	9	10	48	37	57
Rennes	35	13	14	8	40	35	53
Guingamp	35	13	13	9	32	27	52
Strasbourg	35	13	11	11	44	39	50
Nantes	34	13	11	10	39	37	50
Lyon	35	9	17	9	36	36	44
Bastia	35	12	8	15	42	45	44
Le Havre	34	11	9	14	31	41	42
Cannes	35	11	7	17	40	46	40
Bordeaux	34	10	7	17	39	49	37
Nice	35	9	9	17	32	43	36
Saint-Etienne	35	6	15	14	34	53	33
Lille	35	7	12	16	24	47	33
Gueugnon	35	6	13	16	24	45	31
Martigues	33	7	4	22	23	53	25

GERMAN LEAGUE: Hansa Rostock 0 1860 Munich 3; Bayern Munich 1 Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Werder Bremen 2 VfB Stuttgart 2; Fortuna Duesseldorf 1 Borussia Dortmund 2, Cologne 1 St Pauli 0

DUTCH LEAGUE: First division: Roda JC Kerkrade 5 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0; Willem II Tilburg 1 De Graafschap Doetinchem 0; PSV Eindhoven 1 NEC Nijmegen 0, RKC Waalwijk 0 Sparta Rotterdam 0, FC Utrecht 2 Vitesse Arnhem 0, Twente Enschede 0 Heerenveen 1, Volendam 1 Breda 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 1 Fortuna Sittard 0; Groningen 3 Ajax 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax Amsterdam	32	25	4	3	92	23	79
PSV Eindhoven	32	23	5	4	91	22	74
Feyenoord	32	16	9	7	59	35	57
Roda JC Kerkrade	32	14	11	7	45	33	53
NAC Breda	32	14	10	8	57	34	52
Sparta Rotterdam	32	13	11	9	50	47	50
Heerenveen	32	13	11	8	61	61	50
Vitesse Arnhem	32	14	7	11	45	43	49
Twente Enschede	32	14	6	12	45	51	48
Groningen	32	10	13	9	41	44	43
RKC Waalwijk	32	10	10	12	40	42	40
Willem II Tilburg	32	9	12	11	51	51	39
Fortuna Sittard	32	6	11	15	25	52	29
De Graafschap	32	6	9	17	36	65	27
Volendam	32	6	8	18	25	60	26
Utrecht	32	5	9	18	24	57	24
Go Ahead Eagles	32	5	7	20	38	65	22
NEC Nijmegen	32	5	7	20	30	70	22

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 1 Atletico Madrid 3, Valencia 2 Racing Santander 1.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Charleroi 4 Sint-Truiden 0, Aalst 5 Seraing 0; Lierse 0 Mechelen 3; Standard Liege 2 Beveren 2, Ghent 1 Harelbeke 0. Ekeren 2 Waregem 0; Cercle Brugge 2 Anderlecht 1.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Tirsense 2 FC Porto 4; Felgueiras 0 Sporting 1.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: GAK 1 FC Tirol Innsbruck 3, Admira Wacker 0 Sturm Graz 2; SV Ried 1 SV Salzburg 1; Vorwarts Steyr 2 Austria Wien 2; Rapid 2 Linzer ASK 1.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	1	2	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2

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Crowds flock to Brands Hatch for the thrills of the British Touring Car championship

New winning formula rejuvenates Williams

By Oliver Holt

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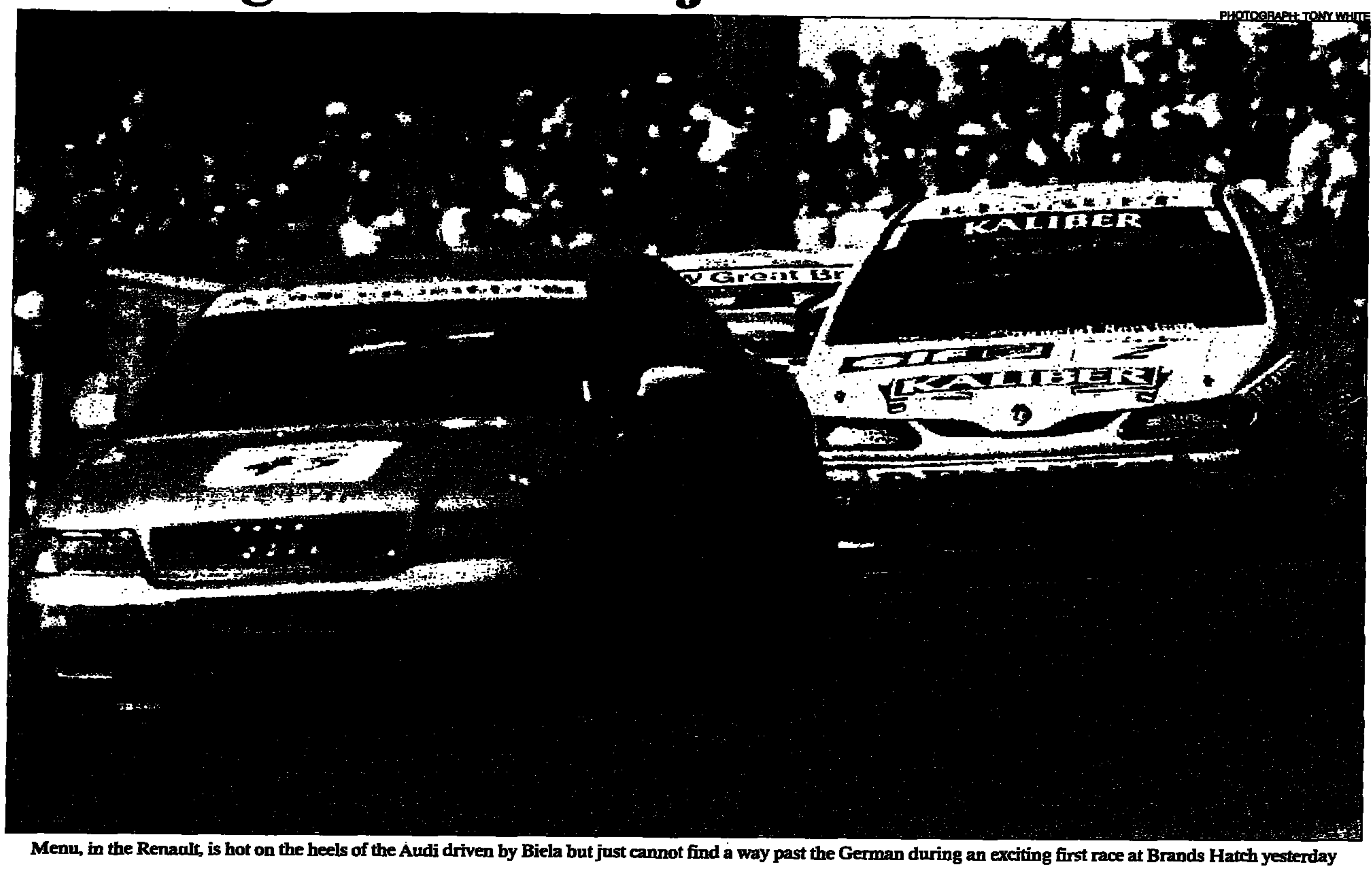

Menu, in the Renault, is hot on the heels of the Audi driven by Biela but just cannot find a way past the German during an exciting first race at Brands Hatch yesterday

THEY do not need to push the advertising too much because the series is doing very nicely on its own, but the organisers of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) could draw on a slogan with shock value if they wanted to. "Garbo Laughs" brought them flocking to see Ninotchka; "Williams Smiles" might add a few thousand to crowds at forthcoming races at forthcoming "tin-top" extravaganzas.

It is not that Frank Williams, the Williams team owner, is a dour man. Far from it. But whether it be the pressure or shyness in the face of public scrutiny, he chooses not to show his happy face for the cameras at grands prix. When he comes to watch his fledgling touring car team, though, his countenance is altogether different.

Perhaps it is the racing camaraderie that pervades the meetings, an atmosphere that reminds the sentimental of the way Formula One used to be in the 1960s and 70s, with spectators perched on top of their cars in the sunshine, hooting their horns in appreciation as the first three finishers are driven around the circuit on a truck in celebration after the race.

At the post-race press conferences, some of the drivers dragged semi-surreptitiously on cigarettes and Alain Menu, the Williams team's leading driver, cradled his daughter, Chloe, on his lap and joked with his wife and journalists. An estimated 29 per cent of spectators, who paid only £15 to get in, are women and anyone can wander on to the grid before the first race and mingle with the competitors.

There were no closed-circuit cameras at Brands Hatch for rounds three and four of the championship this weekend, either, so Williams and Patrick Head, the team's technical director, took their chances with the rest of the paddock occupants during qualifying on Saturday. They peered as best they could through the wire fence overlooking the Cooper Straight and strained to see the cars curving round Clearways before they headed past the pits.

Yesterday, when more than 30,000 spectators thronged the circuit, Tom Walkinshaw, the new owner of the Arrows grand prix team, was in the same place, looking more animated than he ever does in São Paulo or Monaco, searching for the Volvos he runs.

Murray Walker, the BBC commentator, was there, too, reminiscing about a motorcycle career that climaxed with a 250cc heat win on the circuit when most of the Tarmac was grass. "This is more like Formula One used to be," he said. "People still have fun. They can keep things in proportion a bit more. Perhaps it is because there is not so much money around."

There are other reasons for Williams's smiles as well, though. As his Formula One team goes from strength to strength and Damon Hill carries all before him, the Williams Renault Dealer Racing team that won the manufacturers' championship for Renault in its debut season last year, looks poised for more honours this year.

In a championship packed with eight leading manufacturers, Renault, who pay Williams an estimated £5 million a year to build and prepare their cars, are just five points behind Audi after the first four rounds: tribute to their consistent engineering excellence. Their leading driver, the talented Swiss, Menu, is in second place in the drivers' standings behind Frank Biela, Audi's German driver.

There are 11 more meetings to come, each boasting two races, each promising healthy crowds. For the first two rounds of the championship at Donington Park on Easter Monday, only Anfield and Old Trafford of all the other venues hosting sporting events that day could boast more than the 36,000 spectators the BTCC attracted. "I enjoy it immensely," Williams said. "Winning the manufacturers' championship last year was not quite the same thrill as winning the Formula One world championship because the achievement is not the same but it was still very satisfying. It was the first time we had been in there and we won by the skin of our teeth.

"The main reason for entering the team was a desire to build another important bridge with Renault. I enjoy it but I think Patrick really loves it. He is fulfilling himself more and we have people in the Formula One operation, like Adrian Newey [designer], who do not need anybody to hold their hand. The racing is inarguably more competitive than in Formula One and with the involvement of BMW and Volvo, the ante is definitely going up."

Yesterday, Menu started the first race from pole position, the second from fourth place and finished second in both. The first time, he was just 0.6sec behind Biela, the second more than four seconds behind the BMW of the German, Jo Winkelhock. If it was processional with overtaking a rare treat, it was also close and fiercely contested; a train of cars climbing over each other's bumpers, trying to force a mistake.

The BTCC is not Formula One. It is not better, not worse, but it is different, a worthy alternative. It is like going to watch Stockport County instead of Manchester United, hearing every shout, identifying with every reverse and triumph, feeling things more personally, more keenly. If it brings a smile to Frank Williams' face, it must be good.

RESULTS FROM BRANDS HATCH

THIRD ROUND (38 laps, 45.60 miles): 1, F Biela (Ger), Audi A4, 29min 51.24sec; 2, A Menu (Switz), Renault Laguna, at 0.62sec; 3, J Winkelhock (Ger), BMW 320i, 0.97, 4, R Rydell (Swe), Volvo 850, 4.48; 5, P Radisich (NZ), Ford Mondeo, 17.94; 6, R Ravaglia (It), BMW 320i, 18 19; 7, J Cleland (GB), Vauxhall Vectra, 18.50; 8, P Watts (GB), Peugeot 406, 21.92; 9, J Kaye (GB), Honda Accord, at 28 64, 10 D Leslie (GB), Honda Accord, at 47.54. Total Cup (privateers) R Kaye (GB) Vauxhall Cavalier at 1 lap. Fastest lap: Menu and Rydell 46.42sec (average speed 93.34mph, track record). Fourth round: 1, Winkelhock 29:43.61; 2, Menu at 4.19sec; 3, Rydell at 11.46, 4, Biela at 11.81; 5, J Bintcliffe (GB), Audi A4, at 15.41; 6, Ravaglia at 15.72; 7, J Thompson (GB), Vauxhall Vectra, at 21.31; 8, Radisich at 22.59; 9, W Hoy (GB), Renault Laguna, at 23.18; 10, T Harvey (GB), Peugeot 406, at 29 37. Total Cup: Kaye at 1 lap. Fastest lap: Winkelhock 46.31secs (average speed 93.56mph, track record). Championship positions: Drivers: 1, Biela 54pts, 2, Menu 35; 3, Winkelhock 29; 4, Hoy 26. Manufacturers: 1, Audi 53; 2, Renault 48, 3, Volvo 38; 4, BMW 37. Total Cup: 1, Kaye 55.

League trail goes cold for Woking despite late flourish

Walter Gammie on the high price of failing to make numbers count

NO SOONER had Woking clawed their way back from 2-0 down to draw level in the 86th minute at the Shay on Saturday than they were put into place by the public address announcer, who chose that moment to reveal that Stevenage Borough were leading 2-0 at Bath City.

Stevenage held on for a 2-1 victory, Woking could not scramble a winner and the Vauxhall Conference title race will be as good as over if Stevenage win their match in hand at Kidderminster Harriers tonight and go seven points clear with three matches to play.

Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, cut a forlorn figure on the touchline as his club's Football League dreams drained away, but John Carroll, in his first match in charge of Halifax, was clearly delighted to scotch criticism of his appointment.

His credentials, after ten years at Runcorn as player then manager, are headed by an intimate knowledge of the Conference. "I know Woking well," he said. "You've got to close them down. They don't like playing under pressure, they give the ball away."

Woking were, indeed, hustled off their game from the start. However, when Barry Kimber, their physiotherapist, trotted onto the pitch for the fourth time, in the sixteenth minute, passing Simon Johnson, who had earned a second yellow card after clattering into Brown, the match should have been theirs for the taking.

Instead, Halifax's ten men immediately took the lead. Annan danced past two defenders on the edge of the penalty area, slid the ball to Horner running in from the right, and Brook sidefooted home Horner's cross.

Halifax again caught Woking on the break in the 66th minute. Horner ran down the right touchline and O'Regan moved the ball on to Brook, who drove past Batty. Not until the eightieth minute did Woking give Walker the room he relishes and, drifting infield, he smashed a right-foot shot past Woods. A flash of pace by Timothy then earned a corner that he took himself and planted on to the brow of Baron, who headed the equaliser.

As Woking trooped off dejectedly, Halifax supporters flocked on, invited to hear O'Regan acclaimed player of the year. They celebrated as if they had won a title. And why not? The council has said they can stay at the Shay, their debt has been cut by £150,000. Things are looking up for the former Football League club.

HALIFAX TOWN (4-4-2): A Woods — P Smith, J Brown, P Stoneman, R Annan — N Horner (sub: S Constable, 84min), J Hendrick, K O'Regan, K Cochrane (sub: E Beddard, 71) — S Johnson, G Brook.

WOKING (5-2-1-2): L Batty — J Crumplin (sub: T Baron, 79), K Brown, C Fielder, M Tucker, L Wye (sub: D Timothy, 72) — S Thompson, A Ellis — S Steele — D Adams (sub: D Hay, 72), C Walker.

Referee: T Jones.

Merricks and Walker try to steal onshore advantage

Edward Gorman on an Olympic pairing with genuine gold claims in Savannah

It would be wrong to say that John Merricks and Ian Walker are arrogant, but they certainly lack for nothing when it comes to confidence in their quest for Olympic gold in the 470 class.

They stand out in the British Olympic sailing team for their self-belief, which they combine with an engagingly light-hearted approach. But, while they may appear easygoing in the bar after racing, they are intense on the water.

Not even the weight of expectation in the sailing world that they will win the gold medal in Savannah seems to disconcert them. They thrive on the pressure and yet still manage to enjoy their sailing.

It is a quality they use to try to outwit their opponents, as Walker explained while preparing for the Olympic Classes Regatta at Hyeres in the south of France this week, when they will be racing against many of their medal rivals.

"I think it's fair to say we are the most laid-back onshore but probably the most intense on the water. We always play on that," he said. "The Greek guys, for example, always look so miserable in the boat park and we come in clowning around, throwing water at each other or pretending to be hung-over. I think people see us as people who enjoy ourselves and it annoys them that we do so well."

After a few months warming up, the pairing exploded onto the 470 scene in 1994. Both had previously campaigned in the class as helmsmen and, unusually, the match-up of rival skippers went well from the start.

They began their winning streak at the Miami Olympic Classes Regatta in 1994 and followed this with wins at Spa and Kiel, a second place in the European championships and victory at the International Yacht Racing Union world championships. Last year they won at Miami again and several other regattas, including the European championships, before securing their Olympic place with seven wins out of nine at the national trials.

Both are in their mid-twenties and products of the Royal Yachting Association youth programme, having started in Mirrors and graduated to 420s. While Merricks is the nominal team leader and helmsman, the load is spread evenly between the two. Merricks, who trained as an electrician and now works for a sailmaking company, is particularly strong steering upwind and, like his partner, has a thorough knowledge of the technology of the boat.

Walker, a former captain of sailing at Cambridge University, is a former world champion in the International 14 class. He is probably the better organiser of the two and generally calls the tactics on upwind legs. He has never seen his role as playing second fiddle to Merricks. "To be honest, I don't even see it as crewing," Walker said. "I just do the same thing I've always done, which is try and get the boat round the course as fast as possible."

The 470 — the men's double-handed dinghy in Olympic competition — is a single-trapeze boat which is fast and light. It is easy to sail but difficult to trim to optimum performance. Like all dinghies, a millimetre here or there in alteration of the rig, or tiny changes in rudder, centreboard or sail-setting can make the difference between being on the pace or sailing at the back of the fleet.

Merricks and Walker, in their Mars-sponsored boat, *Anthea Goes To Rutland*, have built their success on a rig which is faster than everyone else, though the competition have been catching up in recent months.

They have always done well in strong conditions and are working hard to secure a similar level of consistency in the lighter airs that they are likely to encounter at Savannah.

The almost monotonous diet of success was unexpectedly punctuated in February when, because of a miscalculation of their overall position in the fleet, they lost the world championship at Porto Alegre, in Brazil, by three-quarters of a point, having retired in the last race in the mistaken belief that they could not be beaten.

Walker claims this disappointment did not affect him. "We knew we could have won it — it's irrelevant really," he said. Merricks was perhaps a little more honest about what must have been an agonising failure but also a timely warning against complacency as they begin the final run-in to the Games. "It certainly made me a bit more hungry and angry," he said.

ROBIN MAYES

Merricks, left, and Walker have high Olympic hopes

Trout record falls to casual angler

By Brian Clarke

ONE of the most important of all angling records, that for the wild brown trout, has been obliterated by a 25lb 6oz specimen taken from Loch Awe, the water from which the previous record came.

The great fish, which was aged 12, was caught by Andy Finlay, of East Kilbride, on a trolled plug in 12 feet of water. It was witnessed and weighed on scales which have since been checked and found accurate. The fact that it is a pure-bred ferox — a cannibal brown trout — has already been confirmed. Ratification by the British Rod-Caught Record Fish Committee is a formality.

The previous record brown trout weighed 19lb 10oz and was taken in April 1993. The margin of almost 6lb is remarkable, for all the great size it is believed these fish can reach. Indeed, the 19-pounder beat the previous record by a single ounce.

It is one of the ironies of the capture that the 25-pounder was caught by a man who has never landed a significant trout before. Finlay is a casual angler who was simply fishing for anything that came along. Most ferox are captured by people who are obsessed with them. The best-known specialist group, Ferox 85, devotes many thousands of hours a year, using echo-sounders and all else, to help its members find the kinds of places the great browns favour. Even then, they catch only a dozen fish a year. It was a Ferox 85 member, Alistair Thorn, who took the last record. The biggest brown trout previously taken by Finlay weighed just 1½lb.

For all the leap forward in the record, everyone believes bigger fish are still out there. Several lochs — notably Awe, Ness, Arkaig, Rannoch, Assynt and Quoich — have the potential to produce massive trout. These lochs are full of the small char, trout and perch on which ferox feed.

They also have the track record. Quoich has produced a previous record. Ferox to 17lb have been taken from Arkaig. Awe is believed to have produced an 18lb fish earlier this year and, in 1992, a 23-pounder was caught there in a trap. Biologists say these waters have the potential to produce fish of 35lb and more.

The problem has always been finding them. Awe is 25 miles long. Ness holds as much water as all the freshwater lakes in England and Wales combined. A single bay on any one of these is likely to be so large and deep that it could be trolled hundreds of times without a record fish seeing the lure, even if present.

It all shows how massive the odds are against a casual angler picking up a monster. Finlay simply struck lucky. But, in doing so, he has raised everyone's sights.

Gumbley's driving ambition catches the eye

By Mel Webb

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

IF THERE is one physical attribute that defines all truly gifted sports people, it is the eyes. Whatever their colour, they have a tendency to be flinty clear and focused unwaveringly at some point in the middle distance.

In the death-defying sport of motor racing, Schumacher and Hill are prime examples, but that is no more than might be expected. When the gaze is being levelled by a 17-year-old racing driver, the sensation is, in a way, even more chilling.

Jeremy Gumbley is a pupil of Cranleigh School, Surrey. Distinguished seat of learning that it is, and supportive of all its pupils' endeavours, it is fair to speculate that never before has the school had to deal with the ambitions of an apprentice racing driver.

Gumbley is a day pupil at Cranleigh, which he leaves this year after taking his A levels, but he has no immediate intention of taking himself off to university. There are other battles to be fought, other targets to be hit, and all of them involve driving motor vehicles very quickly around racetracks. Not on the road, mind — he has not taken his driving test yet.

Gumbley was only eight when the bug bit, and such has been his progress that, if all goes well with him this year, 1997 will see him take another step towards his nirvana — a seat in a Formula One grand prix car.

He started in an off-road kart in which he used to bump his way round the fields of the farm where he and his parents lived. It was fun, but before long the green acres were insufficient to satisfy his thirst for speed.

Imagine his surprise, then, when he and Adrian, his father, drove from their home near Cranleigh to the Tarmac track at Blackbushe Airport, near Camberley, one weekend eight or so years ago, and sitting in the back of the van was a brand new kart, courtesy of Dad. It was on that day that the younger Gumbley became a racing driver and the day, too, that his father accepted the fact that he would be paying out large amounts of cash for the forseeable future.

The high point of his driving career thus far did not come until just over a year ago, when he won a scholarship to drive a single-seater racing car in the Formula Vauxhall junior class.

He had some success in that first, learning season, and even now he still cannot prevent schoolboy enthusiasm from creeping into his voice when he tells of his experiences in 1995. "It was absolutely fantastic," he said. "I had been driving karts pretty competitively, but this was something completely different."

He intends to take a year off after leaving Cranleigh before further education to explore the outer limits of his driving ability, hopefully in the next stage up the ladder, Formula Three. First, though, he has to impress in his second year with the CP Racing team. The scholarship now over, it will cost his parents almost £60,000 to give their son his second season.

Sponsorship is tough to get — Adrian Gumbley is constantly trying, so far with little success. However, the future is bright for his son, of that there is little doubt, and already people in higher echelons of the sport have become aware of this small, slimly-built young man from Surrey.

It is when talking about what awaits round the next bend in his career that the inner steel and raw ambition come to the fore. "I want to get to the very top in Formula One, and I am prepared to do almost anything to achieve it," he said. "I know what's involved, and I know what I have to do." The gaze becomes just a little harder.

"Sure, I want to be friends with the other drivers, but you have to remember that, no matter how friendly you are with the others, when you get on the track they're your enemies.

"The school has been great to me since I went into this. There is no way I could ever repay them for their help, but I intend to make everybody at the school proud of me." If hard work and determination bring their reward, they will be.

JULIAN HERBERT

Gumbley is committed to the pursuit of glory on the world motor racing circuit

Bosra Sham hardens to 9-4 on as main rival defects

Blue Duster to miss Guineas

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

BLUE DUSTER looks certain to miss the Pertemps 1,000 Guineas after failing to please her trainer, David Loder, in the run-up to the fillies' classic in 13 days' time.

After a day of intense speculation about the well-being of last season's top-rated juvenile filly, Sheikh Mohammed was due late last night to talk to his racing manager, Anthony Stroud, and Loder before agreeing that the unbeaten winner of the Cheveley Park Stakes should be withdrawn.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: COOL WEATHER
(3.20 Hexham)
Next best: Source Of Light
(3.40 Nottingham)

Loder's string has not been firing of late and he has been fighting a losing battle with Blue Duster, whose preparation has gone far from smoothly. Apart from the bitterly cold spring, which has interrupted planned workouts on the Newmarket gallops, some of his horses have been coughing until recently.

Stroud said the Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot were the likely targets for Blue Duster if she misses the Guineas.

The expected withdrawal of the Guineas second favourite prompted a hasty shake-up in the ante-post odds and as far as Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes is concerned the outcome is a foregone conclusion. "It's a penalty kick for Bosra Sham now," he said after cutting the Henry Cecil-trained favourite to 9-4 on.

Michael Kinane, who would have ridden Blue Duster, received some consolation yesterday when he was booked by Neville Callaghan to ride Danehill Dancer, winner of the Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday, in the 2,000 Guineas.

Pat Eddery has been Danehill Dancer's regular partner but Callaghan moved swiftly yesterday to secure the services of Kinane after it became clear that Eddery will be required to ride Storm Trooper, the impressive winner of the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket last week, for owner Fahd Salman and Henry Cecil.

Callaghan said: "I hoped we would not have this problem because Pat has ridden him not just in every race but in virtually all his work last year and this. There is nothing difficult about riding Danehill Dancer but Pat has a lot of confidence in him."

While the Greenham completed the official trials, Mark Johnston took Bijou D'Inde to Thirsk yesterday for a racecourse gallop. The winner of the Futurity Stakes at the Curragh last year is undergoing the same preparation to that which saw Johnston win the 2,000 Guineas two years ago with Mister Baileys. The Middleham trainer was more than satisfied with the work.

Bijou D'Inde pulled well clear of two galloping companions over a mile and will visit Ripon next weekend for his final trial. "He's just about spot on and he worked far better than Mister Baileys worked at Thirsk, but he still has more to prove than that horse."

Several Derby hopefuls will be on show in the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown on Saturday, but a marker was set for the Epsom race by Nash House, when he won in striking fashion at Newbury. He is now 10-1 for the classic. The Lord Weinstock-owned half-brother to Spectrum, last year's Irish 2,000 Guineas and Champion Stakes winner, delighted Peter Chapple-Hyam. "Hopefully, he might be as good as his brother," the trainer said.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Blue Duster is likely to run in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and Coronation Stakes

Cecil caught in spotlight as power game unfolds

Sufficient wealth to make the Lottery resemble a pocketful of loose change, is intertwined with power and a desperate desire to conquer. Add to that a sensational cast — ranging from princes and potentates to an English training genius and his wife.

However, this is no television soap opera or Hollywood film script. Instead, a real-life drama of rare passion is being played out before our eyes, with so much at stake: ambition and dreams, honour and reputation, and old scores to settle. Some even talk of revenge in this most tantalising of Turf wars which is set to dominate the Flat season.

The two main characters are well known. To his numerous acolytes, he is known simply as "the Boss". To the outside world, he is His Highness, General Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum, Minister of Defence and Crown Prince of Dubai. Sheikh Mohammed, for short, is the world's biggest racehorse owner.

Then there is Henry Richard Amherst Cecil, ten times champion trainer and probably one of the most gifted handlers of thoroughbreds in British racing history.

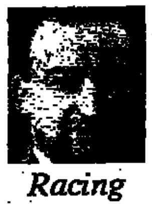
However, no amount of classic success could prevent the indignity suffered last summer as Sheikh Mohammed announced in public he was removing his horses from Cecil's Warren Place yard — partly because of the alleged involvement of Natalie, Cecil's young wife, in their training regime.

Having received the biggest jolt of his career, Cecil has a point to prove. But not even he could have dreamt of the explosive start to the new season as he sent out winner after winner at Newmarket and Newbury last week. The scoreline after those two key meetings read: Cecil 5, Sheikh Mohammed 0.

Apart from Bosra Sham enhancing her outstanding chance of winning the 1,000 Guineas and Storm Trooper emerging as a live 2,000 Guineas hope, Cecil also saddled Dovaly to beat the Sheikh Mohammed-owned Sacho, John Gosden's supposed Derby horse.

But this drama, colourful even by Turf standards, is not just about Cecil v Sheikh Mohammed. The subtle subplots add to the intrigue, the gossip and, ultimately, could determine the outcome of the unofficial battle between the two protagonists.

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

A glance at the list of Cecil's main owners, after the exit of the Dubai sheikh, shows Warren Place could be mistaken for an outpost of Saudi Arabia. Khaled Abdulla, Prince Faisal, Prince Fahd Salman, Prince Khalid al-Saud and Wafic Said, born in Syria but bestowed with Saudi citizenship, own more than a third of the horses stabled in the yard, which overlooks a huge palace built for the Maktoum family.

Without wishing to cause diplomatic ructions, it is fair to suggest that Saudi Arabia tends to regard Dubai in the same way residents of Morningside view the other inhabitants of Edinburgh, or Frinton looks upon Clacton. If you prefer, it is Middle Eastern old money versus new money. If Cecil has cause to fly the family standard, as he does after every group one success, satisfaction will be felt beyond the confines of the trainer's drawing room.

But that is nothing compared to the shifts in power which thread their way through Sheikh Mohammed's diverse racing kingdom. Godolphin, the jewel in his racing crown, arrives in force next week from Dubai, complete with Mark Of Esteem, the former Cecil-trained third favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, but without the man held responsible by many for last season's amazing run of success. Jeremy Noseda has been banished to California after being less than diplomatic about Saeed bin Suroor, the official trainer of the Godolphin operation.

Meanwhile, many of the best horses carrying the maroon and white silks of the sheikh's Darley Stud operation are trained by Gosden. But he is still without a classic success and has won only two group one races in Britain since returning from California eight years ago. This intelligent man has as much incentive as his employer to succeed like never before.

Can he do it, or will it be down to the enigmatic André Fabre once again to provide the group one gloss?

The scene is set; the international players are in place. If any television mogul or film director with spare cash has the sense, he will make sure the cameras are rolling.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

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3.10 Super Rocky
3.40 Source Of Light
4.10 Gold Blade
4.40 Cuango
5.10 Classic Ballet

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115	(4)	00-0	INCA BIRD 13 (A & M Lowe) B McMahon 8-6	G Carter	87
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117	(12)	642-	PRIDE OF WHALLEY 329 (Swan At Whalley Racing) R Fahey 8-6	A Culhane	93
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119	(13)	220-600	ROTHLEY IMP 20 (Crown Racing) J Wharton 8-6	P Robinson	91
120	(15)	06	SUMMER PRINCESS 10 (P Dayton) G Fierro 8-6	A Mackay	–
121	(11)	0	WYSE FOLLY 20 (The Boys Club) R Bastiman 8-6	S D Williams	–

BETTING: 6-1 The Frisky Farmer, 7-1 U-No-Harry, Dazzling Star, Pride Of Whalley, 8-1 Born A Lady, 10-1 The Wad, 12-1 others.

1995: TAEL OF SILVER 8-6 D Holland (7-1) K Burke 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

THE FRISKY FARMER neck 2nd to Nileowl Raider in seller at Southwell (AW, 6f). THE WAD 1½l 2nd to Maybank in maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 6f). DAZZLING STAR 7½l 3rd to Sistar Act in seller here (1m, good). OUR WORLEY 5½l 4th to Windswept in maiden at Warwick (5f, firm) with WINGNUT (5lb worse off) 5l 5th. PRIDE OF WHALLEY 2½l 2nd to White Emir in maiden auction at Redcar (5f, good to firm)
Selection: PRIDE OF WHALLEY

2.40 EDGBASTON HANDICAP (£3,725: 6f 15yd) (24 runners)

201	(2)	6050-25	BOLLIN HARRY 14 (D,G) (N Westbrook) T Easterby 4-10-0	M Birch	91
202	(9)	0134-00	SQUIRE CORRIE 86 (G) (G Harwood) G Harwood 4-9-13	Gaye Harwood (7)	90
203	(16)	033040	LEIGH CROFTER 28 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Dimmock) P Cundell 7-9-11	T Ives	94
204	(6)	3000-30	BARATO 14 (D,BF,F,G) (D Young) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-11	K Fallon	93
205	(13)	000051	LITTLE IBNR 9 (C,D,F,G) (Swinnerton Transport) P Evans 5-9-9	A Clark	●
206	(21)	00500-0	WARDARA 28 (V,D,G,S) (Binding Matters) C Dwyer 4-9-9	M Wigham	84
207	(20)	043461-	SIZZLING 182 (D,F) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 4-9-8	Dane O'Neill (5)	89
208	(19)	0/35415-	WINTER SCOUT 223 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Russell) C Brooks 8-9-8	S Copp (7)	88
209	(12)	660-224	MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 14 (D,F,G) (J Ponton) Miss S Wilton 6-9-6	W Ryan	89
210	(10)	000-520	SOUND THE TRUMPET 13 (G) (R Spicer) R Spicer 4-9-6	D McKeown	89
211	(18)	302502-	DASHING DANCER 182 (P Roberts) R Akehurst 5-9-5	S Sanders	91
212	(23)	22000-0	NATURAL KEY 11 (D,F) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 3-9-3	J Fortune	89
213	(22)	30000-3	FACE THE FUTURE 14 (D,S) (Future Prospectors) S Dow 7-9-2	D Harrison	95
214	(1)	010600-	BLOW DRY 175 (D,F,S) (G Moran) M Wane 6-9-2	A Mackay	92
215	(3)	00160-	AMNESTY BAY 158 (G) (G Summers) M Usher 4-9-2	N Adams	88
216	(4)	32023-0	SING WITH THE BAND 14 (G) (D Allen) B McMahon 5-9-2	G Carter	91
217	(8)	00000-0	ROCKY WATERS 14 (D,F,G) (P Chomiak) P Burgoyne 7-9-2	D R McCabe (3)	81
218	(14)	446-000	MONTAGUE DAWSON 87 (D,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-0	C Teague (5)	86
219	(24)	50000-0	ALMASI 26 (D,G) (Equema Partners) C Wall 4-9-0	W Lord	91
220	(11)	120010	DAAWE 35 (V,D,G,S) (Mrs A Mallinson) Mrs V Aconley 5-8-13	M Deering	98
221	(5)	4/06060-	SING UP 130 (Unal Partners) M McCormack 4-8-11	J Reid	89
222	(17)	121316	OUR SHADEE 14 (V,D,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 6-8-10	C Scally (7)	98
223	(7)	41030-5	BEENY 30 (G) (J Rogers) A Jarvis 3-8-9	J Tate	91
224	(15)	62005-0	ASTERIX 10 (V,D,F,G) (C Hunt) J Bradley 8-8-8	S Drowne (3)	80

BETTING: 7-1 Dashing Dancer, 8-1 Sizzling, 10-1 Face The Future, Barato, 12-1 Little Ibnr, 16-1 Mustn't Grumble, Sing With The Band, 20-1 others.

1995: MEDIA EXPRESS 3-8-13 J Reid (11-2) T Mills 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

LITTLE IBNR beat Lady Sheriff 1¼l in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). SIZZLING beat DASHING DANCER (2lb better off) head in handicap at Leicester (6f, firm). WINTER SCOUT beat Non Dimenticar Me neck in claimer at Newcastle (6f, good). MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 7l 4th to Double Splendour in handicap over course and distance (firm). FACE THE FUTURE 4l 3rd to dead-heaters Seigneurial and Latching in handicap at Kempton (6f, good). OUR SHADEE beat Invocation 1½l in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f)
Selection: DASHING DANCER

3.10 LORDS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,738: 5f 13yd) (13 runners)

301	(3)	51-1405	SUPER ROCKY 4 (D,F,G) (I Barker) R Bastiman 7-9-12	H Bastiman (5)	95
302	(9)	160-000	AMAHSAN 14 (F) (Mrs A Broad) C Broad 4-9-4	B Fenton (5)	–
303	(2)	435403	SIR TASKER 20 (D,F,G) (J Coupland) J L Harris 8-9-4	K Darley	86
304	(12)	4400-40	SWAN AT WHALLEY 9 (D,F) (H Barlow) M Wane 4-9-4	A Culhane	88
305	(6)	5000-02	BAILEYS SUNSET 10 (D,F,G) (Crown At Hambrook) J Bradley 4-9-2	S Drowne (3)	●
306	(4)	00-3060	THE FED 23 (V,CD,F,S) (F Downes) J Pickering 6-9-2	K Fallon	80
307	(13)	154600-	HARRY'S COMING 238 (CD,F,G,S) (Gardens Ents) R Hodges 12-8-12	J Reid	82
308	(5)	05000-6	NADWATY 91 (D,G) (Mrs B Ward) M Chapman 4-8-11	D R McCabe (3)	88
309	(1)	0000-00	RANKAIDADE 4 (D,S) (E Incisa) E Incisa 5-8-9	Kim Tinkler	83
310	(11)	0-06050	CHILLAM 26 (B) (B Flowe) J Leigh 3-8-6	F Lynch (5)	80
311	(10)		PRINCESS BELFORT (I Norman) G Fierro 3-8-3	A Mackay	–
312	(8)	060-	STATIC LOVE 187 (M Kirby) H Alderoy 3-8-3	G Hind	–
313	(7)	00-5446	DON'T TELL ANYONE 9 (D,G) (Tern Hill Comms) P Evans 3-8-2	S Sanders	88

BETTING: 5-2 Super Rocky, 4-1 Baileys Sunset, 5-1 Sir Tasker, 8-1 Harry's Coming, 10-1 Amahsan, 12-1 Swan At Whalley, 14-1 others.

1995: HARRY'S COMING 11-8-5 S Drowne (6-1) R Hodges 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPER ROCKY 5½l 5th of 10 to Lago Di Varano in claimer at Ripon (5f, good to firm) with RANKAIDADE (6lb better off) 2½l 7th. SIR TASKER 6¼l 3rd of 7 to Forst in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). Earlier ½l and head 3rd of 14 to Tame Deer in seller at Southwell (AW, 6f) with NADWATY (2lb better off) 3½l 6th. SWAN AT WHALLEY 6¼l 4th of 10 to Rennyholme in seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f) on penultimate start with THE FED (1lb worse off) 6¾l 7th. BAILEYS SUNSET 2l 2nd of 10 to Agwa in claimer at Brighton (6f, good to firm). HARRY'S COMING 5l 8th to Rhythmic Dancer in 16-runner claimer at Warwick (5f, firm). DON'T TELL ANYONE about 4l 6th to Standown in 10-runner claimer at Wolverhampton (AW, 5f) with SWAN AT WHALLEY (2lb worse off) 3½l 8th.
Selection: BAILEYS SUNSET (nap)

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TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
J Eyre	26	17	14	4	+39.79
R Hollinshead	23	17	28	4	-2.84
M Johnston	20	27	13	15	-1.21
S Bowring	16	19	7	3	-16.58

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
J Weaver	42	44	30	0	-15.11
R Cochrane	35	29	30	2	-24.79
L Dettori	20	13	10	24	-11.63

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

3.40 MICHELOZZO CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,799: 1m 6f 15yd) (5 runners)

401	(1)	510210-	FURTHER FLIGHT 184 (D,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 10-9-10	M Hills	91
402	(4)	603116-	SOURCE OF LIGHT 205 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 7-9-10	D Harrison	81
403	(2)	15/251-	ASSESSOR 173 (D,G,S) (Sultan Al Kabeer) R Hannon 7-9-4	J Reid	●
404	(3)		CHARTER 12J (Mrs S Morris) D Chappell 5-8-10	B Thomson	–
405	(5)	3/6200-6	LINPAC WEST 30 (G,S) (Ms K Jansen) D Nicholls 10-8-10	Alex Greaves	90

BETTING: 5-4 Assessor, 6-4 Further Flight, 4-1 Source Of Light, 6-1 Linpac West, 20-1 Charter

1995: KHAMASEEN 4-8-11 L Dettori (11-8 fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

FURTHER FLIGHT beat ASSESSOR (3lb better off) 2½l in 8-runner group III Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start with SOURCE OF LIGHT (3lb worse off) 11¼l 6th. SOURCE OF LIGHT completed double, beat Edbaysaan 30l in 3-runner race at Salisbury (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ASSESSOR beat Puerto Escondido 2¾l in Italian St Leger at Tesio (1m 6f 110yd, good to soft). LINPAC WEST 29¾l last of 6 to Juyush in conditions race at Doncaster (1m 4f, soft)
Selection: ASSESSOR

4.10 NOTTINGHAM HANDICAP
(Woman amateurs: £2,381: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

501	(22)	5000-30	FLAG FEN 10 (D,G,S) (Ladyswood Racing) M Meade 5-11-7	E Folkes (7)	86
502	(7)	2-05513	MANFUL 19 (B,D,BF,F,G) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-11-5	A Elsey	98
503	(2)	23150-3	POLLY PECULIAR 18 (D,G,S) (Miss V Marshall) B Smart 5-11-2	V Marshall (4)	96
504	(4)	68-0063	MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 11 (D,F,G,S) M Hammond 10-11-2	M Carson (4)	88
505	(16)	412624-	KAMA SIMBA 146J (C,F) (Town And Country Tyres) J White 4-11-1	S Brown (7)	83
506	(12)	02/004-	I RECALL 48J (B Brown) P Hayward 5-10-13	S Bosley	–
507	(8)	411000	CLAQUE 23 (B,G) (M Hill) D Chapman 4-10-12	R Clark	90
508	(5)	123/40/	QUICK SILVER BOY 38J (F,G) (P Riddick) D Burchell 6-10-9	E J Jones (4)	–
509	(13)	500/00/	DODGY DANCER 142J (C,D,F) (Halewood Int) M Usher 6-10-9	A Usher (4)	–
510	(14)	00026-5	TONY'S MIST 7J (C,G,S) (E Hayward) J Bradley 6-10-8	D McHale (4)	86
511	(17)	01/20	SECRETARY OF STATE 14 (D,F,S) D Arbuthnot 10-10-7	D Arbuthnot	94
512	(3)	3/000-0	SILVER SAMURAI 32 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 7-10-5	C Williams (7)	–
513	(1)	200-000	BROWN EYED GIRL 14 (Miss L Regis) B Meehan 4-10-3	J Allison	90
514	(10)	230-216	GOLD BLADE 67 (D,BF,F,G) (J Pearce) J Pearce 7-10-1	L Pearce	●
515	(11)	20410/0	CARLTON EXPRESS 23 (G) (A Skelton) J Eyre 6-9-13	Diana Jones	–
516	(9)	504006	ARECIBO 13 (W Sellers) J Parkes 4-9-11	D Kettlewell	–
517	(6)	000-04	NORTHERN MOTTO 14 (Mrs A Iles) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-10	E Ramsden (4)	88
518	(23)	606136-	STUDIO THIRTY 132 (D,G) (D Holder) D Morris 4-9-9	J Feilden	98
519	(20)	0-50	HEVER GOLF DIAMOND 87 (T Naughton) T Naughton 3-9-7	J Naughton (4)	86
520	(18)	000-005	ROYAL ACCLAIM 51 (V,F,G,S) (J Bradley) J Bradley 11-9-6	L Kerr (7)	87
521	(15)	40000-0	CHEVELEY DANCER 16J (G Jackman) T Naughton 8-9-4	P Robson	87
522	(19)	060/0	I'M A NUT MAN 12 (J Graves) C Smith 5-9-4	D Smith (4)	–
523	(21)	0006-00	BREEZED WELL 56 (F,G) (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 10-9-1	H Noonan (4)	92

BETTING: 7-1 Master Ofthe House, 8-1 Manful, 10-1 Northern Motto, 12-1 Polly Peculiar, Tony's Mist, Brown Eyed Girl, 14-1 others

1995: CAPTAIN MARMALADE 6-9-1 Diana Jones (4-1) D Thom 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

MANFUL beat Hazard A Guess 3½l in 27-runner amateurs handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good) on penultimate start. POLLY PECULIAR 2½l 3rd to Thornwaite in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 2¼l 3rd of 12 to Rambo Waltzer in apprentices handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, good to soft). GOLD BLADE beat Modest Hope 6l in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. NORTHERN MOTTO about 4½l 4th of 12 to General Macarthur in handicap over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: MASTER OFTHE HOUSE

4.40 TRENT BRIDGE HANDICAP (£4,305: 1m 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

601	(17)	15-0602	HILLZAH 26 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Churm) R Bastiman 8-10-0	H Bastiman (5)	95
602	(19)	13230-0	ASTROLABE 9 (V,F) (C Hunt) J Bradley 4-9-12	S Drowne (3)	90
603	(8)	2/1130-	EMBRYONIC 204 (F) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 4-9-9	K Fallon	92
604	(14)	451362-	ALARABY 192 (D,F) (J Kennerley) M Wane 4-9-5	J Carroll	94
605	(13)	00/4322-	MUTAZZ 33J (All-Round Partners) W Hern 4-9-1	Paul Eddery	85
606	(18)	1/00000-	WELL ARRANGED 93J (D,S) (Mrs A Hamilton) R Akehurst 5-8-12	S Sanders	91
607	(11)	30/50-	TOP ROYAL 234 (F,S) (Mrs J Routledge) J Pearce 7-8-10	N Day	86
608	(4)	00226-5	FABILLION 18 (B Horton) C Smith 4-8-9	C Rutter	96
609	(9)	03-4	CIRACUSA 13 (T Kelly) J Mackie 4-8-7	N Varley (3)	90
610	(2)	314026-	BOWCLIFFE COURT 192 (G) (J Hanson) B Hills 4-8-7	M Hills	96
611	(6)	2004/0	WESTERN DYNASTY 18 (D,F,G,S) (M Kentish) S Mellor 10-8-5	R Perham	–
612	(12)	152603	CUANGO 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Barouche Stud) R Hollinshead 5-8-3	F Lynch (5)	●
613	(10)	30-0501	IOTA 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Lavender Hill Leisure) J L Harris 7-8-3	P Robinson	91
614	(20)	0/6050-4	BELLA SEDONA 18 (E Reed) Lady Herries 4-8-2	A Clark	91
615	(3)	00-0	ZAALEFF 14 (H Al-Maktoum) B Hanbury 4-8-2	W Ryan	94
616	(7)	1/D4300-	UNCLE DOUG 219 (S) (D Saul) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-0	L Charnock	87
617	(16)	14/0020-	GRANBY BELL 14J (G) (H Wratton) P Hayward 5-8-0	P Fessey (5)	91
618	(15)	4230/3/	FLAMING MIRACLE 613J (B) (G Barnett) G Barnett 6-7-10	N Carlisle	–
619	(1)	545/14/	ALTERMEERA 682 (B,F) (R Simmons) Mrs B Waring 8-7-10	N Adams	–
620	(5)	403500-	AMERCIUS 256 (J Harris) J L Harris 4-7-10	A Mackay	90

BETTING: 5-1 Hillzah, 6-1 Alaraby, 7-1 Bowcliffe Court, 8-1 Mutazz, 10-1 Bella Sedona, Iota, 12-1 others.

1995: NEW INN 4-8-3 K Darley (14-1) E Weymes 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

HILLZAH ¾l 2nd of 13 to Cross Talk in handicap at Catterick (1m 6f, good to soft). ALARABY 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Our Kris in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm). MUTAZZ 2½l 2nd of 6 to Rocky Forum in handicap at Haydock (1m 6f, good to soft). BELLA SEDONA 6½l 4th of 21 to Pip's Dream in handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good). GRANBY BELL ½l 2nd of 18 to Jagellon in handicap at Chepstow (1m 4f, good to soft)
Selection: BELLA SEDONA

5.10 HEADINGLEY LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,207: 1m 1f 213yd) (11 runners)

1	(4)	5-14	DOCKLANDS LIMO 32 (G) (Mrs L Olley) B McMath 8-13	K Darley	91
2	(9)	230126	YEOMAN OLIVER 14 (G) (M Stokes) B McMahon 8-13	G Carter	93
3	(10)	420-	NAME OF OUR FATHER 182 (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11	C Rutter	98
4	(3)	U635-	NOT QUITE GREY 172 (D Davies) K McAuliffe 8-11	S Sanders	93
5	(8)	02005-5	URGENT SWIFT 16 (L Fust) A Jarvis 8-11	J Tate	91
6	(5)	602-126	DISTINCT BEAUTY 83 (D,G) (N Yong) W O'Gorman 8-10	T Ives	98
7	(6)	025-	BULLPEN BELLE 160 (J Wallinger) P Walwyn 8-8	D Harrison	92
8	(11)	402-4	CLASSIC BALLET 16 (Classic Bloodstock) S Williams 8-8	A Mackay	94
9	(7)	0404-06	EXACTLY 32 (F Thornton) J Eyre 8-8	T Williams	97
10	(1)	53426-	SALTY GIRL 189 (N Browne) B Hills 8-6	M Hills	95
11	(2)	461-	SKI FOR GOLD 188 (S) (Windflower) J Dunlop 8-6	W Carson	●

BETTING: 3-1 Ski For Gold, 7-2 Classic Ballet, 6-1 Name Of Our Father, 7-1 Docklands Limo, 8-1 Yeoman Oliver, 10-1 Salty Girl, 12-1 others

1995: NIGEL'S LAD 8-10 J Stack (9-2) P Haslam 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BULLPEN BELLE 2½l 2nd to Dance Star in 11-runner maiden on this course (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. CLASSIC BALLET 8l 4th of 15 to Dombey in handicap at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm). SALTY GIRL 1¼l 2nd of 7 to Classic Romance in maiden at Haydock (7f, soft) on penultimate start, September 95. SKI FOR GOLD beat Lothlorien head in 19-runner maiden at Chepstow (7f, good to soft)
Selection: CLASSIC BALLET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Wane	3	9	33.3	W Carson	24	135	17.8
R Charlton	8	31	25.8	A Whelan	3	17	17.6
J Dunlop	18	97	18.6	D Harrison	9	62	14.5
B Hills	6	33	18.2	Paul Eddery	12	88	13.6
P Evans	7	44	15.9	J Reid	10	74	13.5

Confused start at the Bedale

Point-to-point
By Carl Evans

THE ongoing problems concerning starts surfaced again on Saturday at the **Bedale & West of Yore** meeting at Hornby Castle in Yorkshire.

Nine horses lined up for the ladies' open race but when the starter, Peter Guthrie, dropped his flag one rider called out "no sir, no sir" and her colleagues paused.

Tessa Gray, riding Hellcatmudwrestler, set off but the others waited in vain for a false start announcement.

"I jumped the first but wasn't sure whether to carry on or not," Gray said. "Then I heard the commentator say 'I think Tessa Gray's doing the right thing', so I carried on."

Three other riders later joined in, but Hellcatmudwrestler, who was allowed to keep the race, was unsaddled by the time they had finished.

RESULTS

AXE VALE HARRIERS (Stafford Cross) **Hunt**: 1, Tasmin Tyrant (L Jefford, 2-9 fav). **Confined**: 1, Strong Breeze (Mrs R Pocock, 9-2). **Open**: 1, Qualitair Memory (J Tizzard, 5-2). **Ladies**: 1, Butler John (Miss J Cumings, 8-1). **Intermediate**: 1, Green Hill (Miss L Blackford, 6-1). **Rest**: 1, Bengers Moor (Miss P Curling, 6-4 fav). **Open Mdn**: 1, Gigi Beach (Miss P Curling, 3-1).

BEDALE & WEST OF YORE (Hornby Castle). **Confined**: 1, Grey Realm (S Swiers, 10-1). **Rest**: 1, Another Hooligan (Mrs F Needham, 2-1 jt-fav). **Ladies**: 1, Hellcatmudwrestler (Miss T Gray, 3-1). **Land Rover Open**: 1, Peanuts Pet (R Walmsley, 6-1). **Hunt**: 1, Glenbricken (R Barker, 2-1). **Maiden Div I (Pt I)**: 1, Neladar (S Charlton, 3-1). **(Pt II)**: 1, Mount Faber (M Sowersby, 2-1); **Div II**: 1, Political Field (M Sowersby, 4-1).

DARTMOOR (Flete Park) **Hunt**: 1, Catch The Cross (Mrs M Hand, 7-4). **Rest**: 1, Ive Called Time (T Greed, 2-1 fav). **Open**: 1, The General's Drum (K Heard, 4-7 fav). **Ladies**: 1, Phar Too Touchy (Miss R Francis, 1-2 fav). **Confined**: 1, Seregalas (M Venner, 14-1). **Mdn**: 1, Mutual Agreement (R Darke, 3-1 co-fav).

ESSEX & SUFFOLK (Higham) **Hunt**: 1, Craftsman (Miss G Chown, 1-5 fav). **Rest**: 1, Candle Glow (S Morris, 25-1). **Open**: 1, Lantern Pike (A Michael, 2-1 jt-fav). **Ladies**: 1, Dromin Leader (Miss G Chown, 2-1). **Confined**: 1, Emsee-H (Miss L Hollis, 14-1). **Open Mdn**: 1, Swinging Song (Miss K Gilman, 3-1).

HOLCOMBE HARRIERS (Whittington) **Hunt**: 1, Nobbutjust (J Barlow, Evens). **Intermediate**: 1, Jr-Kay (N Bannister, 7-2). **Confined**: 1, Real Class (J Evans, 5-2). **Ladies**: 1, Piper O'Drummond (Miss P Robson, 7-2). **Land Rover Open**: 1, Mr Tittle Tattle (D Barlow, 9-4). **Mdn**: 1, Heknowyou (R Ford, 5-1).

PENTYRCH (Llanwit Major) **Hunt**: 1, Adanac (S Blackwell, 8-1). **Confined**: 1, Polly Pringle (A Price, 4-1). **Open**: 1, McMahon's River (C Richards, 7-1). **Ladies**: 1, Never Be Great (Miss L Pearce, 5-2). **Rest**: 1, Sweet Kildare (J Jukes, 5-1). **Open Mdn Div I**: 1, Dragons Lady (M Fitzgerald, 5-1); **Div II**: 1, Tims Kick (J Tudor, 7-1).

SOUTH & WEST WILTS (Larkhill) **Hunt**: 1, Bold Imp (J Maxse, 4-5 fav). **Mdn**: 1, Good Looking Guy (A Charles-Jones, 9-4 jt-fav). **Ladies**: 1, Daybrook's Gift (Miss N Allan, 7-4 fav). **Open**: 1, Young Brave (M Miller, 1-4 fav). **BFSS Hunt**: 1, Run To Form (Miss E Wilesmith, Evens fav). **Restricted**: 1, Coachroadstarboy (M Felton, 3-1).

WORCESTERSHIRE (Chaddesley Corbett) **Hunt**: 1, Mitchells Best (T Stephenson, 6-1). **Confined**: 1, Springfield Lad (Miss E Walker, 5-1). **Open (Lady Dudley)**: 1, Shanrski (M Jackson, 9-1). **Ladies**: 1, Bankhead (Miss C Spearing, 5-4). **Monterey Rest**: 1, Forest Fountain (A Dalton, Evens fav). **Mdn Div I**: 1, Rising Sap (A Dalton, 4-5 fav); **Div II**: 1, I Blame Theparents (Miss E James, 4-1).

SPECIALISTS

BRIGHTON: Trainers: J Dunlop, 16 winners from 68 runners, 23.5%; J White, 9 from 42, 21.4%; R Flower, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Payne, 3 from 15, 20.0%; B Meehan, 14 from 73, 19.2%. Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 22 winners from 78 rides, 28.2%; G Duffield, 17 from 87, 19.5%; T Quinn, 41 from 212, 19.3%; R Hughes, 7 from 37, 18.9%; A Daly, 4 from 25, 16%; B Doyle, 11 from 79, 13.9%.

HEXHAM: Trainers: T Carr, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; P Monteith, 14 from 50, 28.0%; L Lungo, 18 from 68, 26.5%; G Richards, 20 from 86, 23.3%; M Barnes, 9 from 52, 17.3%; J Johnson, 11 from 68, 16.2%. Jockeys: N Bentley, 15 winners from 51 rides, 29.4%; T Reed, 26 from 105, 24.8%; A Dobbin, 19 from 86, 22.1%; L Wyer, 7 from 36, 19.4%; J Burke, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER
2.00 Castle House. 2.30 **GIGGLESWICK GIRL** (nap). 3.00 Kings Harmony. 3.30 Ertlon. 4.00 Elementary. 4.30 Stellar Line. 5.00 Victory Team.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
5.00 **VICTORY TEAM.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Ertlon.
5.00 **SCATHEBURY** (nap).

GOING: FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 SIDNEY THOMPSON MEMORIAL MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,381: 5f 59yd) (6 runners)

1	(2)	5	CHOPIN 10 R Johnson Houghton 8-6	A McGlone	–
2	(1)	2	CASTLE HOUSE 10 J Akehurst 8-6	T Quinn	–
3	(4)		CARIBBEE BEACH C Dwyer 8-1	J Quinn	–
4	(5)	55	DON'T FORGET SHOKA 16 J Moore 8-1	J F Egan	–
5	(3)		EKATERINI PARITSI W G M Turner 8-0	T Sprake	–
6	(6)		SEASIDE John Berry 8-0	M Fenton	–

7-4 Castle House, 4-1 Chopin, 3-2 Don't Forget Shoka, 5-1 Caribbee Beach, 6-1 Ekaterini Paritsi, 8-1 Seaside

2.30 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£2,934: 5f 59yd) (6)

1	(6)	0401	FRIENDLY BRAVE 6 (D,F,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 6-10-1 (7ex)	A Whelan (3)	●
2	(5)	0-00	ALLWIGHT THEN 14 (D,G) R Peacock 5-10-0	M Henry (5)	88
3	(2)	560-	REGAL FANFARE 215 (F,G) Mrs L Stubbs 4-9-12	R Cochrane	96
4	(1)	0-65	GIGGLESWICK GIRL 6 (D,BF,F,G) M Channon 5-9-5	R Hughes	94
5	(3)	4303	APOLLO RED 10 (C,G,S) A Moore 7-8-13	Candy Morris	98
6	(4)	03-0	MIDNIGHT COOKIE 9 B Pearce 3-8-5	S Whitworth	87

9-4 Friendly Brave, 11-4 Giggleswick Girl, 7-2 Apollo Red, 6-1 Allwight Then, Midnight Cookie, 14-1 Regal Fanfare

3.00 ORLEANS LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,381: 5f 213yd) (6)

1	(2)	4252	DANCING JACK 26 (G) J Bridger 9-0	J Quinn	93
2	(4)	41-6	KINGS HARMONY 10 (D,G) P Makin 9-0	Pat Eddery	94
3	(3)	0153	MAPLE BURL 18 (D,G) S Dow 9-0	A Daly (5)	●
4	(6)	3261	ROWLANDSONS STUD 26 (D,G) G L Moore 9-0	R Waterfield (7)	90
5	(1)	4-04	CISERANO 19 M Channon 8-8	T Quinn	91
6	(5)	310-	JESSICA'S SONG 207 (F) W G M Turner 8-8	T Sprake	80

5-2 Kings Harmony, 3-1 Rowlandsons Stud, 7-2 Dancing Jack, 5-1 Maple Burl, 7-1 Ciserano, 10-1 Jessica's Song

3.30 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS APRIL HANDICAP (£3,861: 6f 209yd) (8)

1	(7)	030-	MY BEST VALENTINE 219 (D,F,G) J White 6-10-0	A Whelan (3)	90
2	(2)	1111	RAKIS 79 (D,G,S) Mrs L Stubbs 6-9-12	R Cochrane	98
3	(4)	-000	FANTASY RACING 2 (C,D,F,G,S) M Channon 4-9-10	R Hughes	95
4	(6)	-000	ERTLON 18 (CD,F,G) C Brittain 6-9-10	B Doyle	96
5	(3)	14-3	JO MAXIMUS 10 (CD,F,G) S Dow 4-9-5	A Daly (5)	95
6	(5)	46-0	DRY POINT 10 (F,G) J Toller 10-9-0	G Duffield	●
7	(8)	-643	ORANGE PLACE 26 (D,G,S) T Naughton 5-9-0	Pat Eddery	96
8	(1)	3516	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 10 (CD,F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-8-8	J Quinn	96

11-4 Rakis, 7-2 My Best Valentine, 4-1 Ertlon, 5-1 Jo Maximus, 7-1 Fantasy Racing, Dry Point, 8-1 others

4.00 ROYAL PAVILION CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,381: 1m 3f 196yd) (10)

1	(3)		NIGELS CHOICE A Newcombe 4-9-5	J Quinn	–
2	(4)	210-	ELEMENTARY 149 (CD,F,G,S) N Walker 13-8-12	J Stack (3)	96
3	(8)	0	ELA-MENT 107 B Pearce 4-8-11	Pat Eddery	97
4	(10)	-463	BAG OF TRICKS 20J (D,G) S Dow 6-8-10	T Quinn	80
5	(2)	0-6	CYCLONE 9 B Millman 5-8-10	R Hughes	95
6	(5)	0-60	PARK RIDGE 13 T Mills 4-8-9	W Woods	–
7	(6)	600-	PREMAZING 207 R Stronge 4-8-5	Candy Morris	–
8	(9)	4205	ZUNO FLYER 11J (V) A Moore 4-8-5	A Whelan (3)	82
9	(1)	504-	GRANDES OREILLES 16J N Walker 4-8-0	M Henry (5)	●
10	(7)	-000	LADY WOODSTOCK 56 (B) Miss A Embiricos 4-7-12	G Bardwell	–

7-4 Elementary, 3-1 Bag Of Tricks, 7-2 Grandes Oreilles, 5-1 Zuno Flyer, 6-1 Park Ridge, 10-1 Cyclone, 12-1 Nigels Choice, 14-1 others

4.30 CONFLANS MAIDEN STAKES
(£4,026: 7f 214yd) (9)

1	(7)	0-0	TRAPPER NORMAN 79 R Ingram 4-9-11	D Biggs	–
2	(2)	4034	KELLAIRE GIRL 24 A Moore 4-9-6	A Whelan (3)	63
3	(8)	0/	MAID OF CADIZ 966 J Payne 6-9-6	R Cochrane	–
4	(5)	0-	FOREVER NOBLE 359 M Channon 3-8-11	R Hughes	68
5	(3)	2330	LANCASHIRE LEGEND 28 S Dow 3-8-11	J Quinn	74
6	(1)	4-0	MAJOR DUNDEE 14 R Hannon 3-8-11	J F Egan	87
7	(9)	042-	STELLAR LINE 212 B Hills 3-8-11	Pat Eddery	98
8	(6)	602-	FREZELIERE 199 J Dunlop 3-8-6	T Quinn	●
9	(4)		SHOEMAKER LEVY R O'Sullivan 3-8-6	G Duffield	–

6-4 Stellar Line, 2-1 Frezeliere, 9-2 Major Dundee, 6-1 Lancashire Legend, 12-1 Forever Noble, Shoemaker Levy, 14-1 Kellaire Girl, 16-1 others

5.00 TOWN PURSE HANDICAP
(£3,398: 7f 214yd) (11)

1	(6)	-610	DANCING LAWYER 51 (CD,F,G) B Meehan 5-9-12	B Doyle	90
2	(10)	-211	VICTORY TEAM 24 (D,G) G Balding 4-9-10	R Cochrane	●
3	(5)	2164	MR NEVERMIND 10 (C,D,F,G) G L Moore 6-9-8	S Whitworth	94
4	(1)	0-00	HELIOS 18 (C,F,S) N Walker 8-9-6	J Stack (3)	98
5	(7)	606-	LA TANSANI 271 R Hannon 3-9-0	R Hughes	85
6	(11)	0-31	AUTUMN COVER 10 (CD,F) R Flower 4-8-8	D Biggs	98
7	(9)	6-02	COLLEGE NIGHT 10 C Dwyer 4-8-6	M Henry (5)	88
8	(4)	20-3	SCATHEBURY 23 (G) S Woods 3-8-4	W Woods	91
9	(2)	000-	NEWLANDS CORNER 182 J Akehurst 3-7-10	J Quinn	80
10	(8)	040-	NORTHERN CHIEF 233 (D,F,S) J Cullinan 6-7-10	F Norton	83
11	(3)	00/	NORTH TO GLORY 530 R Flower 5-7-10	C Adamson (5)	–

4-1 College Night, 9-2 Autumn Cover, 5-1 Victory Team, Mr Nevermind, 6-1 La Tansani, 8-1 Dancing Lawyer, Scathebury, 10-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hexham: 2.50 Rampant Rosie. 3.50 Trevveethan, Warrgem. 4.20 No Word

HEXHAM

THUNDERER
2.20 UK Hygiene. 2.50 The Stitcher. 3.20 Cool Weather. 3.50 Trevveethan. 4.20 Beldine. 4.50 Ifallelsefails.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.20 BUCHANAN ALES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,616: 2m) (12 runners)

1	2P10	UK HYGIENE 28 (D,F) M Hammond 6-11-8	R Garritty
2	40P5	CASH BOX 13 T Carr 8-11-2	Mr C Mulhall
3	00	ELLIOTT'S WISH 37 J Johnson 5-11-2	R Johnson (3)
4	3U42	HIGHLAND WAY 6 M Todhunter 8-11-2	M Dwyer
5	P-0P	LUCKER 128 D Eddy 9-11-2	B Storey
6	3336	M-I-FIVE 136 (F,G) Ronald Thompson 5-11-2	W Fry
7	0600	OVER STATED 54 P Cheesbrough 6-11-2	R Supple
8	00	SUPER SNIPE 55 Mrs S Smith 5-11-2	R Guest
9	6-00	SWISS GOLD 188 Miss M Milligan 6-11-2	M Foster
10	0051	XAIPETE 24 (F) G Moore 4-11-2	J Callaghan
11	FP-U	STANWICK FORT 44P J Gledson 7-10-11	N Bentley
12	0	ZOBEJO 24 Mrs J Brown 4-10-10	E Callaghan (5)

3-1 Highland Way, 4-1 UK Hygiene, Xaipete, 5-1 Cash Box, 6-1 M-I-Five, 8-1 Elliott's Wish, 10-1 Super Snipe, 12-1 others.

2.50 FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,700: 3m) (13)

1	3016	ABBEY LAMP 9 (G) J Johnson 7-11-8	A Larnach
2	50P3	GERMAN LEGEND 9 (CD,F) D Lamb 6-11-8	S Taylor (3)
3	P451	SPRING CALL 9 (F) R Tate 6-11-8	D Parker
4	4321	THE STITCHER 7 (C,F) L Lungo 6-11-8	E Husband
5	4000	KINGS MINSTRAL 28 D Lamb 6-11-1	S Haworth (5)
6	0402	MAMICA 42 M Dods 6-11-1	G Cahill
7	0P	RYE RUM 9 J Aynsley 5-11-1	R McGrath (3)
8	4U04	TRESPASSER 9 (B) J J O'Neill 7-11-1	A Roche
9	4F32	TRUE SCOT 28 P Cheesbrough 6-11-1	R Johnson
10	1040	DANBYS GORSE 42 (S) J Jefferson 4-11-0	M Newton (3)
11	400P	OLD BETSY 48 Mrs S Smith 6-10-10	L McGrath (7)
12	-004	RAMPANT ROSIE 28 (B) G Richards 8-10-10	B Harding
13	PP02	KRALINGEN 6 N Chamberlain 4-10-2	D Ryan (5)

3-1 The Stitcher, 7-2 True Scot, 5-1 Danbys Gorse, Mamica, 6-1 Abbey Lamp, 7-1 Spring Call, 10-1 German Legend, 14-1 others.

3.20 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICES CHASE
(£3,425: 3m 1f) (10)

1	41	REAPERS ROCK 42 (G,S) Mrs S Smith 9-11-10	R Guest
2	4U14	RISKY DEE 9 (F,G) V Thompson 7-11-10	Mr M Thompson
3	505P	AYLESBURY LAD 13 D Lamb 7-11-3	A Larnach (3)
4	3202	COOL WEATHER 21 P Cheesbrough 8-11-3	R Supple
5	U443	MORE JOY 16 Mrs L Marshall 8-11-3	D Bentley
6	54-4	OVERFLOWING RIVER 14 J Wade 7-11-3	A S Smith
7	6-0P	PACIFIC RAMBLER 52 G Moore 6-11-3	N Bentley
8	30P3	SHUIL SAOR 47 (F) Mrs S Smith 9-11-3	L Donnelly (7)
9	0U55	TUDOR FELLOW 16 J Wade 7-11-3	K Jones
10	5055	PANTO LADY 9 (F) Mrs K Lamb 10-10-12	Miss S Lamb (7)

7-4 Cool Weather, 7-2 Risky Dee, 5-1 Tudor Fellow, 6-1 More Joy, 8-1 Reapers Rock, 10-1 Overflowing River, 12-1 Aylesbury Lad, 14-1 others

3.50 HEXTOL SELLING HURDLE (£2,339: 2m) (17)

1	6F-4	BOLD PURSUIT 12F (D,BF,S) J Fitzgerald 7-11-7	M Dwyer
2	-P00	GALAXY RAIN 14 (D,S) J Haynes 5-11-7	D Parker (3)
3	4301	RUDI'S PRIDE 14 (F) S Bell 5-11-7	N Smith
4	5U60	DARK MIDNIGHT 6 D Lamb 7-11-0	B Harding
5	0	FREE TYSON 13 O Brennan 5-11-0	M Brennan
6	00-P	GRANDERISE 6 D Swindlehurst 6-11-0	Mr D Swindlehurst
7	6FRP	PERCY PIT 6 H Alexander 7-11-0	P Waggott
8	-004	SENSO 45 J Wainwright 5-11-0	P Midgley (3)
9	2630	TREVVEETHAN 14 (V) Mrs S Austin 7-11-0	B Grattan (7)
10	23FR	TRIENNIUM 16 R Allan 7-11-0	L Wyer
11	220F	FUNNY ROSE 7F (BF) P Monteith 6-10-9	A Dobbin
12	5024	LEVEL EDGE 6 H Alexander 5-10-9	R Johnson (3)
13	5250	HIGH FLOWN 12F Ronald Thompson 4-10-8	W Fry
14	P	MERGER MANIA 7 Miss J Craze 4-10-8	Mr C Bonner (3)
15	U05	TOP FELLA 14 (B) P Dennis 4-10-8	D Bentley
16	0000	MOREFLASH 34 A Crow 4-10-3	G Cahill (5)
17	000P	WARRGEM 6 (V) B Ellison 4-10-3	M Foster

9-2 Rudi's Pride, 5-1 Trevveethan, 6-1 Bold Pursuit, Funny Rose, 7-1 High Flown, 10-1 Triennium, 12-1 Level Edge, 14-1 others

4.20 IAN STRAKER MEMORIAL TROPHY
(Handicap chase: £3,038: 2m 110yd) (13)

1	5442	BELDINE 44 (CD,BF,F,G,S) P Monteith 11-12-0	G Cahill (5)
2	0143	FLASH OF REALM 9 (V,CD,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-11-6	A Dobbin
3	203U	CHARMING GALE 7 (V,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-4	A Watt (7)
4	FF01	SASKIA'S HERO 7 (CD,F,G,S) J Bottomley 9-11-0 (6ex)	D Byrne
5	P040	POSITIVE ACTION 7 (CD,F,G,S) M Barnes 10-10-13	P Waggott
6	2621	PORT IN A STORM 4 (D,S) M Hammond 7-10-12 (6ex)	Mr C Bonner (3)
7	0430	PRECIPICE RUN 16 (D,G,S) G Richards 11-10-9	M Dwyer
8	U000	NO WORD 14 (B,F) R Bastiman 9-10-9	R Supple
9	00PP	BLAZING DAWN 48 (F,G,S) J Hubbuck 9-10-0	B Storey
10	2334	HEATHVIEW 139 (F,G,S) J Fitzgerald 9-10-0	F Leahy (3)
11	8406	MACCONACHIE 7 M Dods 9-10-0	N Smith
12	P0FU	SPARTS FAULT 14 (B) P Eccles 6-10-0	A S Smith
13	5345	DOXFORD HUT 14 (F) W McKeown 12-10-0	C McCormack (7)

3-1 Port In A Storm, 9-2 Saskia's Hero, 5-1 Flash Of Realm, 6-1 Charming Gale, Beldine, 7-1 Macconachie, 8-1 Heathview, 12-1 others

4.50 FEDERATION BREWERY MEDALLION LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,532: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1	3002	SHANNON GLEN 21 (B,D,F,S) M Smith 10-12-0	R Marley
2	-000	IFALLELSEFAILS 59 (CD,F) L Lungo 8-11-10	T Reed
3	P551	NORTHERN SQUIRE 35 (D,G,S) J Jefferson 8-11-5	L Wyer
4	/04	CARABALI DANCER 28 (CD,G,S) J Bottomley 8-11-2	A Dobbin
5	-340	TALL MEASURE 14 (CD,F) D Swindlehurst 10-11-1	Mr D Swindlehurst
6	6136	EXEMPLAR 28 (D,F,G) Mrs S Smith 8-11-0	R Guest
7	54-0	BUD'S BET 14 (F) Miss J Craze 8-10-12	Mr C Bonner (3)
8	0560	MARSH'S LAW 14 (F,G,S) O Brennan 9-10-10	M Brennan
9	0360	ANY DREAM WOULD DO 14 (F,S) P Beaumont 7-10-6	R Supple
10	6031	RASCALLY 6 (CD,G) Miss L Siddall 6-10-3 (6ex)	A Thornton
11	-P01	DENTICULATA 14 (F,G) P Spottiswood 8-10-2	F Perratt
12	4045	DEAR EMILY 6 J Swiers 8-10-0	R Johnson (3)

11-4 Shannon Glen, 7-2 Rascally, 4-1 Northern Squire, 5-1 Carabali Dancer, 7-1 Exemplar, 8-1 Denticulata, 12-1 Tall Measure, 14-1 others

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(صفحة ١ من الإرسال)

Lloyd's delight fails to mask divide in English cricket as Botham 'sideshow' continues

Chapple acquits himself well in England trial

By Michael Henderson

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): The Rest, with six second-innings wickets in hand, are 66 runs behind England A

"SPRING is here; why doesn't my heart go dancing?" The flowers are out, the nights have expanded to accommodate summer pursuits, and in the parks of London yesterday all thoughts turned towards . . . football; even — would you believe it? — the abominable American version. Budding cricketers were rarer than rubies.

It is hard being a professional cricketer in the first month of the season. Few people pay a blind bit of notice to what you get up to, and the fixture list is designed to befuddle those who do. Yet these are important days for the players, as they try to find form and rhythm, to keep their names before the people who matter. The India touring team arrives next week, and there are still some England Test places to settle.

It is even harder when there is so much doubt and division within the game. Raymond Illingworth released his pent-up anger on Saturday with a few well-chosen words aimed at M. J. K. Smith, who, he feels, has conducted an underhand campaign against his office. Illingworth, the chairman of England's selectors, also disallowed Ian Botham's hopes of being involved with the Test team after digesting his widely and frequently aired comments, most recently last Friday after he failed to become a Test selector.

England A are playing The Rest in what amounts to a Test trial, and the only cricketer who is making back-page news is a man who retired three years ago. Not content with turning himself into Billy Dainty to pass the winter nights, Botham clearly imagines he is now a lower-class Jay Gatsby: "You can't recreate the past? Of course you can!"

Botham, Illingworth had spelled out in a way that brooked little argument, will not be assisting the England team this summer, or "working with", "helping out" or interfering in any way. Illingworth has insisted that David Lloyd coaches the players without any unnecessary distractions and nobody can quibble with that. The Botham sideshow would have become a tacky carousel, however honest his intentions.

Lloyd, casting an early eye over some of the country's best young players, is full of the joys of spring. The new selection panel convened over the weekend (all except Michael Atherton, who will soon be confirmed as captain) and everybody is smiling. "The last two days have been brilliant," the new coach said. Even if they have not, he must present a united front to the world. "The clear message we have got to get across to the players is that we know where we are going.

Salisbury: useful runs

"There's been a lot of speculation and I'm keen for them to be very clear that we are all right.

"From what I've heard and read, Illy has said Ian's time will come. I'm happy with the situation."

Of all the triallists, Glen Chapple, the Lancashire bowler who swings the ball at a pace above medium, has enjoyed this match as much as anybody. He has some ground to make up, after a frustrating time last season, but he is only 22 and there is talent there for Lloyd and Peter Lever, the England bowling coach, to mould.

"He had a demanding A tour to India two winters ago," Lloyd said, "and suffered from a few niggles last year when he began to lose his action a little bit. But he has done some weight work this winter and he is now back on course." After taking five good wickets here there is already a red star against his name.

Tim Munton has done his immediate prospects no harm, either. He took four wickets on Saturday as England A dismissed The Rest for 123, and added a fifth yesterday when he beat Crawley's defence. In between he made his maiden half-century in any form of cricket to extend his team's lead on first innings to 194.

Nasser Hussain, Jason Pooley, Ronnie Irani, Robert Rollins and Ian Salisbury all went past 30 for England A as the pitch eased, and they may not even have to bat again today to win, so poorly have The Rest played. Thorpe's batting last night served as a commentary on their moderate efforts.

Moxon, who turns 36 next week, was a most peculiar choice for this match and he hardly justified it, poor chap, by making a pair. Last year, Alan Wells was selected for this fixture as a possible alternative to Atherton. Moxon, who has always been a degree short of Test class, has been promoted this spring on the same "look behind you" principle. Next year, if Illingworth is still chairman, Cyril Washbrook might get an invitation.

It has not been a good weekend for the batsmen and one fears for Ramprakash, who laboured through 25 overs yesterday for 17 scratchy runs before Salisbury had him caught behind pushing forward.

Of course, everybody wants him to come through, but with each game at representative level he retreats further and further from his goal. As Thorpe found the boundary at will with strokes of class, Ramprakash became ever more reclusive. This match may not reveal who will play for England this season, but it may help to determine those who do not.

SCOREBOARD FROM CHELMSFORD

THE REST: First Innings 123 (T A Munton 4 for 41)

Second Innings

M D Moxon lbw b Giddins	0
J E R Gallian lbw b Giddins	12
J T Crawley b Munton	16
M R Ramprakash c Rollins b Salisbury	17
G T Thorpe not out	73
*†R C Russell not out	2
Extras (lb 2, nb 6)	8
Total (4 wkts)	128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-29, 3-31, 4-110.

BOWLING: Giddins 13-4-43-2; Munton 12-3-28-1; Stemp 9-2-23-0; Irani 6-1-28-0; Salisbury 6-3-4-1

ENGLAND A: First Innings

N V Knight c Watkinson b Lewry	0
A McGrath c Hutchison b Illingworth	28
*N Hussain b Chapple	41
J C Pooley c Crawley b Lewry	38
D P Ostler b Chapple	13
R C Irani c Crawley b Chapple	40
†R J Rollins b Chapple	31
I D K Salisbury st Russell b Illingworth	38
T A Munton c Watkinson b Illingworth	54
R D Stemp c Thorpe b Chapple	8
E S H Giddins not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 8)	17
Total	317

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-71, 3-71, 4-99, 5-156, 6-176, 7-222, 8-268, 9-283

BOWLING: Lewry 21-9-60-2; Hutchison 17-1-84-0, Chapple 29-4-99-5; Illingworth 15 1-4-31-3; Gallian 7-0-22-0; Watkinson 5-3-12-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews

GRAHAM MORRIS

Gallian ducks under a short ball from Giddins, who later dismissed him leg-before, at Chelmsford yesterday

House masters Derbyshire attack

By Jack Bailey

FENNER'S (second day of three): Derbyshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, lead Cambridge University by 207 runs

IT MAY be early days to advise everyone with the slightest interest in the University match, which starts at Lord's on July 2, to book their seats now to avoid disappointment. But, judging from the way things are shaping up, both here and in The Parks, there is a good match in prospect and high scoring is on the cards.

Yesterday, Cork and Rollins, of Derbyshire, scored centuries, but, after the impact already made against Glamorgan by Ed Smith, from Tonbridge School, it was the turn of another freshman from Kent to take the honours as Cambridge made their way to an unlikely first-innings lead by mid-afternoon. Will House, 19, a product of Sevenoaks School and a left-handed strokeplayer of rare maturity, scored 136 of their 324 for seven. He made 117 of them before lunch, treating, among others, Devon Malcolm and Dominic Cork with scant respect, hitting in all 20 fours and two sixes.

With Russell Cake, the Cambridge captain, House added 193 for the sixth wicket from 39 overs on a glorious sunlit day. It was a joy even for an Oxford man to watch. Cake's essential soundness was again in evidence. Cambridge had been in trouble when Cake came in on Saturday evening. When he declared, Cambridge were 42 runs ahead and Cake, a century against his name, had steered their innings for nearly 3½ hours.

If all this reminded old stagers of the halcyon days of Doggart, Dewes, May, Dexter, Majid and Brearley, to name but a few, it was in large measure due to the excellent batting surface provided by the relaid Fenner's pitch, for which John Moden, the head groundsman, deserves much credit. As Cork and Rollins stroked the ball around and Derbyshire moved into the lead, it was plain that a hard season lies ahead for the Cambridge bowlers.

Cork bowled tidily, with no sign of injury. Malcolm, below full pace, was less certain of length and direction. Cake, on 58, was missed at backward short leg from a desperately difficult chance off Cork's bowling; Malcolm missed House from an easier chance at point when the freshman had made 56.

Vandrau was the unlucky bowler. He it was who bore the brunt of House's onslaught, throughout 24 overs of respectable off spin. But House, who, like Smith, is under summer contract to Kent, simply could not be contained. His fifty came from 53 balls, his century from 96. A *tour de force* it was, so far matched by nobody, certainly not by Cork, who strode off athletically, "retired hurt", immediately after he reached his hundred.

SCOREBOARD FROM FENNER'S

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 287 for 4 dec (T A Tweats 89 not out, D M Jones 71, C J Adams 54)

Second Innings

A S Rollins not out	100
†K M Krikken run out	36
D G Cork retired hurt	101
M J Vandrau not out	1
Extras (b 3, lb 2, nb 6)	11
Total (1 wkt)	249

FALL OF WICKET 1-55

BOWLING: Moffat 13-1-65-0; Janisch 12-1-54-0; Jones 10-1-44-0; Whittall 14-2-43-0; House 6-0-36-0; Deakin 1-0-2-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R T Ragnauth c Jones b Malcolm	7
E T Smith lbw b Barnett	54
A Singh c Barnett b Warner	13
*R Q Cake not out	102
†D R H Churton lbw b Vandrau	0
G R Moffat lbw b Barnett	1
W J House b Vandrau	136
R O Jones b Vandrau	6
P J Deakin not out	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10
Total (7 wkts dec)	329

A R Whittall and A N Janisch did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-38, 3-105, 4-106, 5-115, 6-308, 7-324.

BOWLING: Malcolm 16-1-80-1; Cork 14-2-49-0; Warner 8-0-41-1; Vandrau 24-3-90-3; Barnett 13-4-49-2; Tweats 3-0-14-0

Umpires: R A White and J W Lloyds

Campbell continues to pile on agony for N Zealand

By Our Sports Staff

SHERWIN CAMPBELL, the opening batsman, was close to converting his maiden Test century into a double as the West Indies tightened their grip on New Zealand before lunch yesterday, the third day of the first Test match in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Campbell, a model of concentration, stretched his overnight 148 to 189 by the interval. Only three West indians have scored higher innings in a Test match against New Zealand — Seymour Nurse's 258 in the last of his 29 Test appearances at Christchurch in 1969, Lawrence Rowe's 214 in his first Test innings at Kingston in 1972 and Gordon Greenidge's 213 at Auckland in 1987.

The West Indians, resuming at 334 for four, progressed to 406 for six, already a formidable first-innings lead of 211. Campbell, 25, who will be the Durham overseas player this season, came to the wicket on Friday, the first afternoon, had and proceeded to stay at the crease for ten hours and four minutes, facing 440 balls and hitting 28 fours.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Campbell's overnight partner, added just one run yesterday morning before he was dismissed for 82. The 21-year-old sliced his drive straight to Chris Harris at gully to give Danny Morrison, the fast bowler, his first wicket.

Campbell and Chanderpaul came together midway through the second day and added 155 runs for the fifth wicket in just under 3½ hours. The stand was a record partership for the West Indies against New Zealand in the Carribean. Chanderpaul's best-ever Test score, in his tenth Test, lasted 146 balls and included 11 boundaries.

In his first Test in his home island, Courtney Browne, the wicketkeeper, added a further 49 with Campbell before his shaky innings of 20 was ended by a slip catch by Nathan Astle off Robert Kennedy. Browne was let off when nine by the same fielder, in the same position, off Morrison. Ian Bishop was seven not out at the break.

Andrew Flintoff steered Lancashire to a five-wicket victory in a low scoring 40-over Roses contest at Old Trafford yesterday.

The England Under-19 all-rounder, prevented from bowling by a mystery back injury, showed why Lancashire are happy to play him just as a batsman with a 64-ball half-century.

It was the only innings over 50 in the match, as Lancashire passed Yorkshire's 152 for nine with 3.4 overs to spare. Michael Bevan (29) was the top scorer for Yorkshire.

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Perry kept in cold storage

By Richard Wetherell

WILLIAM "The Refrigerator" Perry made only a very brief appearance on the field of play on Saturday when the London Monarchs went down 37-3 away to Frankfurt Galaxy, the heaviest defeat in their 34-game history and their second of the new World League of American Football season.

Monarchs and league officials insisted last week that Lewis Capes, the British defensive lineman, was ranked ahead of Perry on the teamsheet because of the rule that a national player must be on the field for alternate drives and that they should share playing time. In Frankfurt, they shared time in the same way that the teams shared 40 points.

Perry made his only appearance for two plays early in the second quarter with his side already 14-0 down; this despite the superiority of Frankfurt's enormous offensive linemen, who would have been the Fridge's direct opponents. Roared on by a crowd of 34,186, they pushed the Monarchs' defensive line around at will, helping Galaxy to score five touchdowns.

The prime beneficiary of that dominance was the German running back, Ingo Seibert, who scored two touchdowns. The almost permanent presence on the sideline of The Fridge, used during his National Football League career as a run-stopper, was as conspicuous as you would imagine of a man weighing in the region of 30 stone.

After a quiet start, Seibert's first touchdown inspired Galaxy's high-powered offense. They scored touchdowns on their next two possessions while the Monarchs' initial first down — Galaxy had 15 by then — arrived well into the second quarter.

That success by Gaston Green, the former Denver Broncos running back who, on the rare occasions he had the ball, looked a different class, led to London's only points, Roger Ruzek's 39-yard field goal.

Yesterday, Scottish Claymores joined Frankfurt at the top with a 23-12 defeat of Barcelona Dragons, Paul McCallum, the former Canadian Football League player, kicking three field goals before a crowd of 12,928 fans at Murrayfield.

Although the Dragons' quarterback, Kelly Holcomb, on loan from Tampa Bay Buccaneers, gave a 57-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Shedd and then a four-yarder to tight-end Bryce Burnett, the Spanish side were always chasing the game.

Wilkinson goes flat out for record

By Peter Bryan

ANDY WILKINSON took cycle record-breaking into a new era — and a potential controversy — at the weekend using an unconventional machine to produce speeds previously unknown in long-distance riding.

Wilkinson, 27 and an amateur from New Brighton, Merseyside, is renowned as a "mile-eater" and last year set a new official national cycling record for the 840 miles separating Lands Ends from John o'Groats, which he covered in one day, 21 hours, two minutes.

Last night, he was set to beat that time handsomely riding a machine with a design popular in the 1920s, in which he reclines in a completely enclosed aerodynamic "shell" designed by Mike Burrows, responsible for the high-tech Lotus bike on which Chris Boardman won the Olympic pursuit title in Barcelona in 1992.

On the way to John o'Groats, Wilkinson beat the official mileages for 12 hours, when he covered 295½ miles, and for 24 hours, with a distance of 530 miles. His schedule was to reach the Scottish finish point at 2am this morning, but time checks indicated that, barring accidents, he could complete his ride with as much as four hours in hand.

Yet, when he reaches the finish line at the John o'Groats Hotel, he knows that his times will not be accepted as new British records. The Road Records Association, founded in 1888 and which hallmarks claims for the recognised 20 mens' records, has always made it clear that attempts on machines with any form of fairing will not be considered.

Wilkinson's ride had been accompanied by sunshine, rain and fog, and yesterday he encountered the snow line on the Pass of Drumochter (660 miles), north of Blair Atholl. By that point, he had made only two brief stops — for a massage and a 30-minute sleep.

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FLORA LONDON MARATHON

1,015 runners break three-hour barrier

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Here, exclusive to *The Times*, are the first finishers in the 1996 Flora London Marathon, including the 1,015 who broke the three-hour mark. The results are provided by Unisys, official suppliers of computers to the race. The names and times of the other finishers will be published this week.

TOP 50 IN THE MEN'S RACE

1 D Ceron 2:10:00
2 V Rousseau 2:10:26
3 P Evans 2:10:40
4 J Kabiga 2:10:43
5 A Serrano 2:10:55
6 D Castro 2:11:12
7 E Hellebuyck 2:11:53
8 B Maysa 2:12:43
9 G Staines 2:12:54
10 T Bekele 2:14:37
11 G Silva 2:14:49
12 J Torrez Peanilla 2:16:57
13 J Duarte 2:16:59
14 J Castillo 2:17:59
15 P Ballantyne 2:18:21
16 M Hilden 2:18:36
17 A Archakov 2:19:04
18 M Hudspith 2:19:25
19 T Moqhali 2:19:35
20 H Nakatomi 2:20:27
21 T Constantin 2:20:48
22 J Claeys 2:21:47
23 R Mulligan 2:21:52
24 J Apalanza 2:22:04
25 B Foster 2:22:13
26 S Stevenson 2:22:44
27 K Hegvold 2:23:07
28 E Gotierrez 2:23:16
29 G Bishop 2:23:59
30 G McIlroy 2:24:11
31 A Duffy 2:24:14
32 D Mansbridge 2:24:36
33 G Mutisya 2:24:52
34 A Barden 2:25:33
35 P Froud 2:25:39
36 O Machelm 2:26:53
37 M Flint 2:27:11
38 P Pleasants 2:27:40
39 D Hill 2:28:02
40 A Larice 2:28:16
41 E McMahon 2:29:13
42 R Sales 2:29:26
43 A Shepherd 2:29:47
44 V Zhadanov 2:29:56
45 G Eagle 2:30:11
46 R James 2:30:17
47 J Arogoneses 2:30:49
48 G Dell 2:30:58
49 V Dorn 2:31:10
50 M Cursons 2:31:19

TOP 50 IN THE WOMEN'S RACE

1 L McColgan 2:27:54
2 J Chepchumba 2:30:09
3 M Sobanska 2:30:17
4 A Kanana 2:30:25
5 A Haakenstad 2:31:07
6 A Ivanova 2:32:09
7 R Kokowska 2:32:46
8 F Sultanova 2:32:50
9 J Salumae 2:33:18
10 Y Mazovka 2:33:58
11 S Aktas 2:34:00
12 J Mayal 2:35:33
13 H Kimaiyo 2:36:12
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17 C Smith 2:43:49
18 T Swindell 2:44:49
19 Z Marchant 2:45:42
20 S Branney 2:46:19
21 D Percival 2:48:49
22 N Tasdemir 2:50:28
23 M Braverman 2:51:06
24 J Picton 2:51:26
25 J Newton 2:51:59
26 M Vanzulli 2:53:01
27 L Hollick 2:54:16
28 C Hunter-Rowe 2:54:53
29 L Jones 2:55:01
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31 K Dohr 2:55:37
32 M Blake 2:55:56
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More finishers will appear tomorrow

Holding crosses the line for his third victory in London

Holding posts another landmark

By Alix Ramsay

DAVE HOLDING is making a habit of rewriting the record books at the London wheelchair marathon. Yesterday, he became the first man to win the title three times, setting a personal best time of 1hr 43min 48sec. His previous victories came in 1989, when he was the youngest winner at the age of 21, and 1994.

Tanni Grey also completed a London hat-trick, setting a women's course record of 2hr 00min 10sec and finishing nearly ten minutes ahead of last year's winner, Rose Hill. Grey is the second woman to win three times.

All the competitors were hampered by a gusting head wind. The conditions left Holding having to rely on his sprint finish to take the title. From the start he had been leading a breakaway group of four, with Bogdan Krol, of Poland, Jack McKenna and Ivan Newman trailing his every move. Newman's challenge faded at the halfway stage, but the other two stuck to him like glue until the cobbled section of road after 22 miles. That put paid to McKenna and left Holding trying to pull away from Krol.

"I tried to make a move on The Embankment about a mile from the finish, but Bogdan stayed with me," Holding said. "Luckily there are two right turns coming into Buckingham Palace and The Mall and I finally found some tail wind and broke him there."

Picking up speed all the way to the finish line, Holding finished a good 60 metres and 14sec ahead of Krol. Before the race, McKenna and Newman knew that their only hope was to pull away from Holding in the early stages and give him no chance to catch them on the line. When that failed, they knew they would struggle.

What was more of a surprise was the performance of Krol. He had gone to Boston for the marathon last week only to find his entry form had been lost. In desperation he tried to get a late entry to London and was then told he was cleared to race in both events. Last week he finished sixteenth in Boston and only arrived in London on Friday.

The entry for the women's race was, as usual, limited. With Boston offering $8,000 (around £5,300) to the winner, the top pushers head for the United States and leave London to the romantics. Grey, however, was using this year's marathon as a guide to her training form for the Atlanta Paralympics and the course record and personal best time proved the winter's work was paying off.

"I can't really get excited about winning because it's such a small field," she said, "but I spent a fortune to go to South Africa in the winter and now I know it was worth it." It also proves that her new £1,800 racing chair is running in smoothly. "At least it goes in a straight line," she said. "My last one wouldn't, especially when I tried to mend it with a lump hammer."

WHEELCHAIR RESULTS

1, D Holding, 1:43:48; 2, B Krol (Poland), 1:43:54; 3, J McKenna, 1:45:18; 4, I Newman, 1:47:09; 5, H Nelisse (Netherlands) 1:51:56; 6, C Madden, 1:51:57; 7, R Powell, 1:54:32; 8, T Gee (Sweden), 1:55:40; 9, I Thompson, 1:56:14; 10, J Vink (Netherlands), 1:59:40; 11, D Young, 2:00:12; 12, P van der Feast (Netherlands) 2:00:13; 13, M Kettrick, 2:01:19; 14, A Cheek, 2:02:30; 15, C Sadler, 2:06:59; 16, I Lea, 2:14:30; 17, K Doran, 2:20:37; 18, R Noryc (Poland), 2:21:33; 19, P Versterlund (Sweden), 2:22:02; 20, R Wimpress 2:22:08; 21, B Norman, 2:24:18; 22, G Stewart, 2:27:44; 23, G Allen, 2:32:54; 24, D Durand (Ireland), 2:35:52; 25, M Adkin, 2:36:01; 26, D Brittain, 2:36:01; 27, P Boughen, 2:36:39; 28, M Armstrong, 2:37:10; 29, C Norman (Sweden), 2:37:42; 30, P Downing, 2:38:19; 31, R Cassell, 2:39:19; 32, R Palm (Sweden), 2:52:43; 33, G Perry 2:53:49; 34, M Marten, 2:54:28; 35, S Barill Gellert (Sweden), 2:55:24; 36, C Lineham (New Zealand), 2:56:50; 37, J Forde (Ireland), 3:50:07; 38, T Claypole, 3:50:43; 39, R Bystedt (Sweden) 3:59:36; 40, J Willford (Sweden), 4:59:09.

WOMEN'S WHEELCHAIR RACE (British unless stated): 1, Tanni Grey, 2:00:10; 2, Rose Hill, 2:10:09; 3, Sophie Dettman (Germany), 2:12:46; 4, Fiona Neale, 2:23:07; 5, Karen Dark, 2:31:24.

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ATHLETICS

KINGSTON: Kinnaird Trophy (selected winners): 100m: M Okoile (Thames Valley) 10.9sec. 200m: B Conteh (Thames Valley) 22.4. 400m: E Ferris (Hercules Wimbledon) 51.4. 800m: S Blake (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 1min 56.2sec. 3,000m: A Marriott (Hercules Wimbledon) 8:32.4. 2,000m steeplechase: J Marks (Blackheath) 6.15.3. 110m hurdles: M Elliott (Blackheath) 15.0sec. 400m hurdles: N Keogh (Blackheath) 54.9. Trophy result: 1, Blackheath 228pts. 2, Windsor, Slough and Eton 208. 3, Hercules Wimbledon 153. Sward Trophy: Selected winners: Pole vault: M Weaver (Achilles) 4.50m. Long jump: G Audu (Thames Valley) 6.79m. Triple jump: S Bobb (Blackheath) 14.77m. Shot: G Cook (Sutton) 13.56m. Discus: Cook 44.98m. Hammer: Cook 62.64m. Invitational women's hammer: L Sprules (Hounslow) 52.04m. Trophy result: 1, Windsor, Slough and Eton 157, 2, Blackheath 148, 3, Sutton 138.

WOODFORD: Inter-club (selected winners). 100m: A Hughes (RAF) 10.8sec. 200m: Hughes 22.2. 400m: A Lustgarten (Oxford Univ) 48.3. 800m: C McCaw (Oxford Univ) 1min 55.3sec. 2,000m steeplechase: A Beevers (Oxford Univ) 6:04.5. 110m hurdles: S Rosalo (Oxford Univ) 15.1sec. High jump: P Howard (Woodford Green) 1.90m. Pole vault: M Buck (Oxford Univ) 4.40m. Long jump: G Davies (Oxford Univ) 6.73m. Triple jump: D McCalla (RAF) 14.11m. Shot: A Zaidman (Enfield) 15.52m. Discus: P Lowe (RAF) 39.54m. Javelin: P Howard 59.92m. Match result: 1, Royal Air Force 169pts. 2, Oxford University 120.5. 3, Woodford Green 76. Women: 200m: V Day (Essex) 25.1sec. 400m: D Duncan (Essex) 59.8. 800m: C Martin (Oxford Univ) 2min 18.4sec. 1,500m: S Cook (Oxford Univ) 4:45.0. Shot: C Done (RAF) 11.69m. Match result: 1, Royal Air Force 59pts. 2, Oxford University 36. 3, Essex Ladies 12.

CRAWLEY: Open meeting (selected winners): 800m: C Bourne (Team Solent) 2min 14.7sec. 3,000m: P Davoren (Brighton and Hove) 8:28.0. High jump: C Gilding (Brighton and Hove) 1.90m. Pole vault: R Thickpenny (Peterborough) 4.50m. Triple jump: P Ralph (GEC Avionics) 15.10m. Discus: J Wright (Bracknell) 40.08m. Javelin: J Untern (Crawley) 38.22m.

BATH: Open meeting (selected winners): 5,000m: A Eynon (Swansea) 14min 41.3sec. Pole Vault: G Lease (Bristol) 3.80m.

BELGRADE: Marathon: Men: 1, A Salah (Djibouti) 2hr 14min 16sec. 2, M Hussein (Ken) 2:14.32. 3, V Kotov (Belo) 2:14:35. Women: I Zatorska (Pol) 2:36:50.

ROAD RUNNING: Coniston: Open (14m) Men: 1, P Dymoke (Shaftesbury Barnet) 1hr 13min 20sec. 2, J Postlethwaite (Barrow-in-Furness) 1:13:54; 3, D Groover (Sunderland) 1:14:20. Teams: 1, South Liverpool 78pts; 2, Barrow-in-Furness 114; 3, Clayton-le-Moor 131. Veteran: R Brewster (Clayton-le-Moor) 1hr 15min 22sec. Women: Y Danson (Clayton-le-Moor) 1hr 21min 54sec; 2, S Walters (Oxford) 1:30:17; 3, A Lenderyou (Darlington) 1:31:31. Teams: Holme Valley 1,263; 2, Tod Morden 1,480; 3, Red Rose 1,663.

BADMINTON

HERNING, Denmark: European Championship: Finals: Men: Singles: P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt P Rasmussen (Den) 15-5, 15-11. Doubles: J Holst-Christensen and T Lund (Den) bt M Sogaard and H Svarrer (Den) 10-15, 15-12, 18-17. Women: Singles: C Martin (Den) bt M Yakusheva (Russ) 11-0, 11-3. Doubles: R Olsen and H Kirkegaard (Den) bt L Stuer-Lauridsen and M Thomsen (Den) 6-15, 15-12, 15-10.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 9 Boston 4. Milwaukee 8 Kansas City 2; Minnesota 7 New York 1; Texas 26 Baltimore 7. California 4 Detroit 3; Chicago 4 Oakland 3. Toronto 10 Seattle 4. Saurday: Cleveland 2 Boston 1, Kansas City 4 Milwaukee 12; Oakland 3 Chicago 8. Minnesota 6 New York 7; Texas 8 Baltimore 3; California 2 Detroit 1; Seattle 1 Toronto 3.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago 10 San Francisco 6, Florida 5 Los Angeles 0; Montreal 2 Pittsburgh 1; St Louis 1 Philadelphia 0; Atlanta 7 San Diego 1; Colorado 5 New York 3. Houston 13 Cincinnati 5. Saurday: Montreal 11 Pittsburgh 2; New York 4 Colorado 3 (in 10). Chicago 4 San Francisco 8. Florida 7 Los Angeles 4, Philadelphia 0 St Louis 1. Atlanta 6 San Diego 5. Houston 1 Cincinnati 6

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Toronto 107 Washington 103; Boston 112 New Jersey 106, Orlando 112 Philadelphia 92. Charlotte 115 New York 108; Miami 106 Milwaukee 100; Vancouver 82 Denver 78; Phoenix 123 Dallas 103. Seattle 94 Minnesota 86; Portland 95 Golden State 87. Saturday: Cleveland 75 Detroit 73. Chicago 99 Indiana 100; Atlanta 121 New Jersey 99. Utah 104 Sacramento 92. LA Lakers 106 Minnesota 82.

BOWLS

MELTON MOWBRAY: English men's indoor championships: Singles: Semi-finals: J Ottaway (Wymondham Dell) bt S Skelton (Scunthorpe) 21-16; M Bantock (Desborough) bt B Jenkins (Cambridge Park) 21-19. Final: Bantock bt Ottaway 21-17

GUERNSEY: Women's World Indoor championships: Semi-finals: S Hazell (Eng) bt K Adams (Scot) 3-7, 7-0, 7-5, 7-5. J Baker (Eng) bt B Morgan (Wales) 4-7, 7-4, 5-7, 7-4, 7-6

BOXING

LEVALLOIS-PERRET, France: World Boxing Council lightweight championship: Jean-Baptiste Mendy (Fr, holder) bt Lamar Murphy (US) pts.

GRAND FORKS, North Dakota: World Boxing Association light-heavyweight championship: Virgil Hill (US, holder) bt Lou Del Valle (US) pts.

BRENTWOOD: British super-middleweight championship: Joe Calzaghe (Newbridge, holder) bt Mark Delaney (West Ham) rsc 5th rnd. Light-middleweight: Steve Roberts (West Ham) bt Peter Vosper (Plymouth) pts. Welterweight: Georgie Smith (Basildon) bt Danny Quacoe (Crawley) pts. Light-welterweight: Ray Robinson (Pembroke) bt Brian Coleman (Birmingham) pts; Bernard Paul (Tottenham) bt Mickey Hall (Ludworth) rsc 3rd rnd. Lightweight: David Kehoe (Northampton) bt Paul Salmon (Plymouth) pts. Featherweight: Richard Evatt (Coventry) bt Wayne Jones (Saltash) rsc 2nd rnd.

DUSSELDORF: European heavyweight championship: Zeljko Mavrovic (Cro, holder) bt Christophe Bizot (Fr) pts.

CYCLING

TOUR OF ARAGON: Final stage (163.5km): 1, M Cipollini (It) 4hr 16min 3sec; 2, I Cerioli (It) same time; 3, E Leoni (It) same time. Final positions: 1, M Mauri (Sp) 24hr 49min 46sec; 2, A Garmendia (Sp) at 25sec; 3, J C Dominguez (Sp) 30.

ROAD RACES: Welwyn-Hatfield Grand Prix (101km): 1, R Holden (Gill Airways-Peugeot) 4hr 2min 15sec; 2, M Postle (Team Energy), 3, G Thomas (Team Ambrosia) all same time. Newark, Nottinghamshire: Silver Spoon two-day chase (142km): 1, G Speight (Optimum Performance RT) 5:33:06; 2, W Randle (Optimum Performance RT) at 9sec, 3, K Dawson (Optimum Performance RT) at 16sec. Fareham, Hampshire: Women's national series, racing club Omega (50m): 1, M Purvis (North Wirral Velo) 2:15:15, 2, M Lawrence (Team Ambrosia) at 15sec; 3, J Derham (Twickenham CC) at 16sec. Ormskirk: St Helens CRC (82m): 1, S Calland (Manchester Univ RT) 2:26:00; 2, M Bell (New Brighton CC) at 2sec; 3, A Martin (Merseyside Wheelers) at 5sec. Bendenden, Kent: Catford CC (100km): 1, P Main (Wembley RC) 2:40:26; 2, M Daly (Colourtech RT) at 11sec, 3, M Coyle (Festival RC) at 18sec. Broughton-in-Furness: Lakes RC (50m): 1, M Taylor (Cleveleys RC) 1:59:05, 2, L Kellett (Bronte Wheelers) at 45sec; 3, R Posnett (Lakes RC) same time. Inchberry, Grampian: Elgin CC (35m): A Pirie (Moray Firth CC) 1:28:55; 2, G Findlater (Aberdeen Wheelers), 3, A Garrow (Team Carbon Five) all same time.

TIME-TRIALS: Baldersby, North Yorkshire: Yorkshire RC (25m): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 50:17 (course record); 2, I Cooke (Optimum Performance RT) 51:40; 3, G Watts (Team Rapide) 52:54. Team: GS Metro 2:42:08. Cleveland: Wheelers (25m): 1, Cleveland Wheelers (N Jackson, M Holtby, A Wrigley) 52:22; 2, Houghton CC-Cestria CC composite 54:48, 3, Lancaster CC 55:43. Essex: Shaftesbury CC (25m): 1, D Akam (Wembley RC) 52:32. 2, C Gould (Southend and County Wheelers) 58:20; 3, S Craddock (Elite CC) 59:29. Team: Shaftesbury CC 3:02.34. West Suffolk: Wheelers (25m): 1, I Cammish (Velo Viento) 53:43; 2, G Dighton (Leo RC) 53:51; 3, M Pyne (Leo RC) 53:54. Team: Leo RC 2:49:12. Uttoxeter: South Pennine RC (25m): 1, J Findlay (Lyme RC) 55:26; 2, D Bates (South Pennine RC) 56:11; 3, J Seabridge (Mercia CC) 56:58. Team: South Pennine RC 2:52:48. Ormskirk CC (25m): 1, N Cooper (North Lancs RC) 56:06; 2, K Turner (Team Excel) 56:23; 3, W Williams (Team Rapide) 57:16. Bedfordshire: RCC (25m): 1, R Hughes (Clarence Wheelers) 56:38; 2, G Frost (Loughboro Stu CC) 58:35; 3, R Laws (Birkenhead Victoria CC) 58:52. Frauchie, Fife: Mackie Tankard (25m): 1, G Harris (Angus CC) 57:08, 2, M Young (Dunfermline and Dist CC) 58:15; 3, R Brown (Deeside Thistle) 58:17. Team: Dunfermline and Dist CC 2:57:06. Cornwall: Camel Valley CC (25m): 1, J Bullingham (Camel Valley CC) 59:53; 2, J Trott (Exeter Wheelers) 1:00:46; 3, K Rees (Plymouth Corinthian CC) 1:01:12. Team: Plymouth Corinthian 3:09:16. Holcombe, Lancashire: West Pennine RC (16.5m): 1, T Horton (Halifax RC) 42:15; 2, J Purdy (Lancs RC) 42:42, 3, G Hodkinson (Border City Wheelers) 42:50. Team: Barrow Central Wheelers 2:13:48.

EQUESTRIANISM

GENEVA: World Cup showjumping: Final: 1, ET (H Simon, Austria) 10.00pts (Simon won in jump-off); 2, Calvaro (W Melliger, Switz) 10.00; 3, Dollar Girl (N Skelton, GB) 11.00; 4, Tomboy (R Pessoa, Br) 12.50; 5, Carrado (F Sloothaak, Ger) 13.75. Selected: 8, Grannusch (J Whitaker, GB) 19.50

FENCING

IPSWICH CUP: Womens epee International: 1, O Jermakova (Est); 2, G Buerki (Switz); 3, M Volu (Est) and H Rohl (Est); 5, C Bokel (Ger), 6, T Chappe (Sp); 7, R Castillejo (Sp); 8, S Cometti (It). British: 24, D Catchpole.

GOLF

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina: MCI Classic tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 198: L Roberts 66, 69, 63. 202: M O'Meara 68, 69, 65. 204: S Hoch 71, 68, 65, D Love 68, 68, 68, L Nelson 67, 68, 69. 205: T Lehman 68, 70, 67; T Purtzer 70, 67, 68, C Montgomerie (GB) 69, 66, 70, J Maggert 69, 66, 70. 206: W Austin 72, 67, 67; V Singh (Fiji) 70, 67, 67, T Watson 67, 67, 72. 207: D Martin 67, 71, 69; B Tway 67, 70, 70; R Mediate 68, 68, 71; J Sluman 67, 67, 73. Selected scores: 208: L Janzen 69, 70, 69; N Price (Zim) 72, 67, 69. 209: N Faldo (GB) 70, 68, 71. 210: G Norman (Aus) 69, 69, 72. 212: D Frost (SA) 71, 71, 70, M Campbell (NZ) 73, 69, 70. 217: A Lyle (GB) 71, 71, 75.

CANNES OPEN: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 272: R Russell 66, 68, 67, 71. 274: D Carter 70, 62, 69, 73. 276: I Garrido (Sp) 67, 68, 75, 66. G Brand Jnr 72, 73, 63, 68. 277: J Payne 73, 69, 68, 67; C Rocca (It) 70, 66, 72, 69. 278: C Suneson (Sp) 73, 67, 68, 70. 279: P Broadhurst 70, 73, 70, 66. R Muntz (Hol) 70, 68, 72, 69, I Pyman 70, 72, 68, 69; O Edmond (Fr) 71, 68, 68, 72; P Harrington 68, 65, 72, 74. 280: G Turner (NZ) 71, 69, 69, 71; P Hedblom (Swe) 75, 64, 70, 71; J Van de Velde (Fr) 72, 71, 66, 71; D Feherty 72, 71, 66, 71; P Affleck 71, 68, 68, 73. 281: R Wilson 68, 73, 70, 70; M Tunnicliff 67, 72, 67, 75. 282: G Orr 71, 68, 75, 68, F Roca (Sp) 64, 75, 75, 68; P Eales 71, 70, 72, 69; M McLean 72, 73, 68, 69; P McGinley 65, 72, 71, 74; P Mitchell 65, 71, 71, 75. 283: J Robson 74, 70, 73, 66; S Gallacher 76, 66, 74, 67; S Luna (Sp) 75, 69, 72, 67, B Lane 70, 72, 71, 70; M Farry (Fr) 70, 69, 71, 73; S Cage 72, 67, 71, 73. 284: S Grappasonni (It) 71, 70, 73, 70. D Hospital (Sp) 68, 73, 73, 70; D Clarke 68, 75, 70, 71; P Walton 65, 78, 70, 71; R Dinsdale 70, 68, 74, 72; R Jacquelin (Fr) 71, 72, 68, 73; M Roe 71, 72, 68, 73; A Kankkonen (Fin) 70, 69, 71, 74; T Planchin (Fr) 67, 69, 72, 76. 285: I Feliu (Sp) 71, 74, 70, 70; D Gilford 73, 68, 72, 72; M Jonzon (Swe) 69, 70, 72, 74. 288: P Baker 71, 72, 73, 70; P Haugsrud (Nor) 74, 71, 69, 72; C Hall 72, 69, 69, 78.

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Florida: PGA Seniors' championship: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 209: H Irwin 66, 74, 69. 211: V Fernandez (Arg) 68, 76, 67; I Aoki (Japan) 69, 71, 71. 212: B Barnes (GB) 72, 71, 69. 213: R Charles (NZ) 72, 69, 72. 214: B Allin 72, 67, 75. 215: C Rodriguez 71, 73, 71; J Schroeder 69, 75, 71; L Gilbert 67, 74, 74. G Marsh (Aus) 71, 70, 74. Selected score: 224: A Horton (GB) 75, 77, 72.

HOCKEY

MILTON KEYNES: Women's National League play-offs: Saturday: Crimson Ramblers 3 Blackburn 0; West Witney 1 Cheltenham 2; Old Loughtonians 3 Crimson Ramblers 1, Blackburn 4 Cheltenham 2. Yesterday: Old Loughtonians 1 West Witney 2; Cheltenham 1 Crimson Ramblers 1; Blackburn 1 West Witney 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round: Friday: Western Conference: Detroit 4 Winnipeg 0 (Detroit lead best-of-seven series 2-0); Chicago 3 Calgary 0 (Chicago lead 2-0). Eastern Conference: Washington 5 Pittsburgh 3 (Washington lead 2-0). Saturday: Western Conference: Vancouver 0 Colorado 4 (Colorado lead 2-1)

EINDHOVEN: World championships: Pool B: Great Britain 4 Belarus 2; Denmark 2 Japan 2; Latvia 1 Switzerland 1; Holland 2 Poland 2. Final positions: 1, Latvia 13pts; 2, Switzerland 11; 3, Belarus 10; 4, Great Britain 9; 5, Poland 4; 6, Denmark 3, 7, Holland 3, 8, Japan 3 (Japan relegated to pool C).

VIENNA: World championships: Pool A: Russia 2 Germany 1.

LACROSSE

HIGH WYCOMBE: Men's match: Wales 2 Kenton 12. Women's home international: England 18 Wales 2; England B 14, Wales B 2

MOTORCYCLING

SUZUKA: Japan Grand Prix (5.864km, 21 laps): 500cc: 1, N Abe (Japan, Yamaha) 45min 34.590sec; 2, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 45:41.086; 3, S Russell (US, Suzuki) 45:41.730; 4, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 45:46.314, 5, D Beattie (Aus, Suzuki) 45:48.260; 6, Michael Doohan (Aus, Honda) 45:54.448; 7, D Romboni (It, Aprilia) 45:56.924; 8, J M Bayle (Fr, Yamaha) 46:09.046; 9, A Puig (Sp, Honda) 46:12.820; 10, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 46:16.078; 13, Jeremy McWilliams (GB, ROC Yamaha) 47:13.308; 15, J Hydon (GB, ROC Yamaha) 47:25.975; 16, E McManus (GB, Yamaha) 47:26.322; 17, S Emmett (GB, Harris Yamaha) 47:26.577. 250cc: 1, M Biaggi (It, Aprilia) 41:36.488; 2, N Numata (Japan, Suzuki) 41:50.046, 3, D Kato (Japan, Honda) 41:56.325. 125cc: 1, M Tokudome (Japan, Aprilia) 41:44.002; 2, H Aoki (Japan, Honda) 41:45.234; 3, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 41:46.012; 9, D Darton (GB, Aprilia) 42:09.358.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Saturday

Castleford 20 Oldham 24

Castleford: Tries: Flynn, Sampson, Smales. Goals: Botica 4. Oldham: Tries: Abram, Atcheson 2, Maloney. Goals: Maloney 4. Att: 4,396.

Yesterday

Leeds 36 Sheffield 22

Leeds: Tries: A Gibbons; D Gibbons 2, Fallon, Holroyd 2, Mercer. Goals: Cummins 2, Holroyd 2. Sheffield: Tries: Garcia, Hughes, Lawford, Lawless. Goals: Aston 3. Att: 9,039.

London 56 Workington 0

London: Tries: Bawden, Bryant, Cochrane, Matterson, Mestrov, Pitt, Rea, Roskell, Tollett. Goals: Matterson 11. Att: 4,138.

Warrington 48 Paris 24

Warrington: Tries: Hough, Knott 2, Kohe-Love 2, Penny, Rudd, Shelford. Goals: Harris 4, Knott 3, Rudd. Paris: Tries: Pastre-Courtine 3, Vergniol. Goals: Torreilles 4. Att: 4,123.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	4	4	0	0	175	70	8
Wigan	5	4	0	1	174	85	8
Warrington	5	4	0	1	143	124	8
Oldham	5	3	1	1	123	138	7
London	5	3	0	2	162	109	6
Sheffield	5	3	0	2	174	130	6
Paris	5	2	1	2	134	146	5
Bradford	5	2	0	3	111	130	4
Castleford	5	2	0	3	108	135	4
Leeds	5	1	0	4	117	141	2
Halifax	4	0	0	4	84	108	0
Workington	5	0	0	5	64	253	0

First division

Hull 22 Widnes 18

Hull: Tries: Craven, Fisher, Jackson, Moffatt. Goals: Gray 3. Widnes: Tries: Broadbent, Thornley, Tyrer. Goals: Tyrer 3. Att: 3,092.

Rochdale 22 Dewsbury 24

Rochdale: Tries: Churm, Pitt, Ratu, Sharp. Goals: Ager 3. Dewsbury: Tries: Austerfield 2, Brent, Williamson. Goals: Eaton 4. Att: 1,057.

Wakefield 26 Salford 32

Wakefield: Tries: Allen, Copestake, Fox 3. Goals: Davis 3. Salford: Tries: Edwards, Forber 2, Martin, McAvoy, Rogers. Goals: Blakeley 4. Att: 3,010.

Whitehaven 6 Featherstone 32

Whitehaven: Try: Williams. Goal: Maguire. Featherstone: Tries: Gibson, Hughes, Pearson 2, Wilson. Goals: Pearson 6. Att: 1,018.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Featherstone	5	4	0	1	147	75	8
Salford	4	4	0	0	142	75	8
Keighley	4	4	0	0	114	54	8
Dewsbury	5	2	1	2	56	144	5
Hull	4	2	0	2	114	66	4
Huddersfield	4	2	0	2	96	58	4
Widnes	4	2	0	2	87	64	4
Batley	4	1	2	1	48	63	4
Wakefield	4	1	0	3	64	112	2
Rochdale	5	0	1	4	90	115	1
Whitehaven	5	0	0	5	45	167	0

Second division

Carlisle 28 Bramley 6

Carlisle: Tries: Graham, Kavanagh, Lynch 2, Williams. Goals: Richardson 3. Bramley: Try: Brown. Goal: Creasser. Att: 500.

Chorley 10 Hull K R 92

Chorley: Tries: Barrow, Bretherton. Goal: Barrow. Hull K R: Tries: Atkins 2, C Harrison, Charles, Crane, Dannatt, Gene 2, P Hoe, M Fletcher, O'Brien, Oliver 5, P Fletcher. Goals: M Fletcher 12. Att: 400.

Hunslet 48 York 18

Hunslet: Tries: Brook, Coyle 2, Farrell, Hanlan, Lambert 2, Lingard, Pianga. Goals: Simon Wilson 6. York: Tries: Cain, Hopcutt, Laurence. Goals: Smirk 3. Att: 1,105.

Leigh 49 Prescot 12

Leigh: Tries: Bannister, Daniel 2, Hadcroft, Mason, Purtill, Quigley, Tau Liku. Goals: Purtill 8. Dropped goal: Mason. Prescot: Tries: Deakin, England. Goals: Fanning 2. Att: 1,124.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull K R	5	5	0	0	298	63	10
Carlisle	5	4	0	1	178	82	8
Hunslet	5	4	0	1	155	74	8
Swinton	4	3	0	1	146	61	6
Doncaster	4	3	0	1	159	84	6
Bramley	5	2	0	3	102	103	4
South Wales	4	2	0	2	58	126	4
York	5	2	0	3	87	163	4
Leigh	5	1	0	4	137	135	2
Barrow	4	1	0	3	50	114	2
Prescot	5	1	0	4	76	167	2
Chorley	5	0	0	5	64	338	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Leigh Miners Welfare 52 Saddleworth 28, Millom 24 Hemel Hempstead 12. West Hull 34 Mayfield 14. Wigan St Patricks 28 Heworth 24

BNFL NATIONAL CUP: Semi-finals: Ellenborough 9 Woolston 4; Wigan St Judes 8 Skirlaugh 29.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIERSHIP: Cronulla 36 Sydney Tigers 16; St George 30 Canberra 20; Brisbane 58 North Queensland 14; North Sydney 18 South Queensland 4; Newcastle 24 Penrith 22, Parramatta 38 South Sydney 10, Sydney City 20 Western Suburbs 0, Gold Coast 28 Illawarra 20; Manly 22 Auckland 10, Sydney Bulldogs 18 Western Reds 14.

SCHOOL SPORT

FOOTBALL: Southern Counties Cup: Semi-final: Gloucester 0, Hackney 1. Manchester Evening News Cup: Final: Manchester 2 Bury 4. London Sun Shield: Semi-final: West London 1 Islington 6. Essex Johnson Cup: Harlow 3 Redbridge 0. Lester Finch Trophy: Croydon 3 Bexley 2. B P League: Mid Oxon 0 Southampton 4. Northern Merit: Sefton 2 Leeds 4; Trafford 1 Huddersfield 4; Salford 2 Liverpool 3. Mitre Trophy: Final: St Aloysius 1 Holloway 2. Oxford United Cup: Vale of White Horse 1 Oxford 2 (aet). Welsh: Clyncoed; Semi-final: Alun Nodd 0 Kirkby 2. Star Shield: Barnet 1 Hounslow 2. London: Crisp Shield: Semi-final: Barking 2, Sutton 1. Miller Trophy: Semi-final (under-14): Vale of White Horse 0 East Berks 8. Ryde Cup: Semi-final: Havant 1 Southampton 2 (aet). Cotswold League: Mid Oxon 3 Forest of Dean 3. Inter-Association: Newham 2 Dartford 1; Sefton 3 Leeds 3. Inter-Town Challenge: Barnsley 1 Bradford 1; Trafford 1 Huddersfield 5. West Midlands Cup: Semi-final: Coventry 3 Walsall 4.

CRICKET: (* denotes home side): Ardingly 221-7 dec, *Hurstpierpoint 223-4, *Berkhamsted 191-9 dec, Brentwood 192-6; *Harrow 257-3 dec (A Cox 106), Dulwich 218-8; St John's, Leatherhead 256-6 dec, *Lord Wandsworth 158.

SNOOKER

SHEFFIELD: Embassy World championship: First round: S Hendry (Scot) bt J Ferguson (Eng) 10-8. D Harold (Eng) bt N Foulds (Eng) 10-4, R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt A Robidoux (Can) 10-3; T Drago (Malta) bt S James (Eng) 10-2.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 59 Belle Vue 37; Eastbourne 53 Ipswich 43. Swindon 52 Wolverhampton 44.

SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: First round: Second leg: Bradford 65 Sheffield 31 (Bradford win 119-73 on agg).

SQUASH

SRA NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play Offs: Final: Potters Bar 4 Barnham Broom 1.

BRADFORD: Yorkshire Cup: Semi-final: Pontefract 4 Heaton 1.

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bristol 21 Saracens 7

Bristol: Tries: Bracken, Regan. Con: Tainton. Pens: Tainton 3. Saracens: Try: Hill. Con: Singer

(at Central Park, Wigan)

Orrell 11 Bath 44

Orrell: Try: Wynn. Pens: Healey, Mason. Bath: Tries: De Glanville, Haag 2, Nicol, Sleightholme 2. Cons: Callard 4. Pens: Callard 2

Wasps 52 West Hartlepool 12

Wasps: Tries: Gomersall, Greenstock, Gregory 2, Greenwood, Molloy, Roiser 2. Cons: Gregory 6. West Hartlepool: Tries: Patterson, Thompson. Con: Oliphant.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	17	15	0	2	537	238	30
Leicester	16	14	0	2	429	215	28
Harlequins	17	12	0	5	503	295	24
Wasps	17	10	0	7	405	319	20
Sale	17	9	0	8	327	333	18
Orrell	17	7	0	10	297	448	14
Bristol	16	6	0	10	263	380	12
Gloucester	16	5	0	11	252	332	10
Saracens	17	5	0	12	274	434	10
W Hartlepool	16	0	0	16	270	563	0

LEADING SCORERS: 240: J Liley (Leicester; 3 tries, 24 conversions, 58 penalty goals, 1 dropped goal). 223: J Callard (Bath, 3t, 41c, 42pg). 186: S Mason (Orrell, 4t, 16c, 38pg). 154: R Liley (Sale, 3t, 20c, 31pg, 2dg). 126: A Lee (Saracens, 2t, 7c, 29pg, 5dg). 110: T Stimpson (West Hartlepool, 5t, 8c, 23pg). 103: M Tainton (Bristol, 8c, 28pg, 1dg). 101: P Challinor (Harlequins, 5t, 17c, 11pg, 3dg). Tries: 13: D O'Leary (Harlequins). 11: S Bromley (Harlequins). 9: J Guscott (Bath). 8: S Roiser (Wasps), G Smith (Orrell). 7: A Adebayo (Bath), P de Glanville (Bath), R Kitchin (Harlequins), A Lumsden (Bath), J Staples (Harlequins), R Underwood (Leicester)

Second division

Wakefield 21 Northampton 34

Wakefield: Tries: Jackson, Scully. Con: Jackson. Pens: Jackson 3. Northampton: Tries: Beal, Dawson, Morgan. Cons: Grayson 2. Pens: Grayson 4. Dropped goal: Grayson.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	17	17	0	0	808	186	34
London Irish	17	14	0	3	554	377	28
London Scot	17	10	2	5	344	330	22
Wakefield	17	8	0	9	318	311	16
Moseley	17	7	0	10	291	396	14
Waterloo	17	6	2	9	289	472	14
Newcastle	17	5	1	11	320	376	11
Blackheath	17	5	1	11	390	435	11
Bedford	17	5	1	11	278	490	11
Nottingham	17	4	1	12	303	422	9

LEADING SCORERS: 285: M Corcoran (London Irish, 8 tries, 34 conversions, 59 penalty goals). 204: P Grayson (Northampton, 3t, 69c, 14pg, 3 dropped goals). 172: M Jackson (Wakefield, 2t, 18c, 42pg). 151: A Kerr (Moseley, 6t, 11c, 31pg, 2dg). 148: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham, 1t, 16c, 34pg, 3dg). 137: S Howard (Blackheath, 2t, 14c, 28pg, 5dg). 134: M Emmett (Waterloo, 1t, 12c, 35pg). 123: J Steele (London Scottish, 2t, 16c, 25pg, 2dg). Tries: 17: M Allen (Northampton). 13: G Seely (Northampton), G Townsend (Northampton). 10: C O'Shea (London Irish). 9: M Dawson (Northampton), C Moir (Northampton), A Pountney (Northampton). 8: Corcoran. 7: N Beal (Northampton), M Dods (Northampton), M Oliver (Bedford), D Scully (Wakefield), H Thorneycroft (Northampton).

CIS county championship

Final

Gloucestershire 17 Warwickshire 13

Gloucestershire: Tries: Davis, Stanlake. Cons: Smith 2. Pen: Smith. Warwickshire: Try: Warr. Con: M Gallagher. Pens: M Gallagher 2.

(at Twickenham)

CIS under-21 county championship

Final

East Midlands 13 Yorkshire 20

Sanyo Cup

Leicester 31 World XV 40

Leicester: Tries: Hackney, Potter, Richards, Tarbuck 2. Cons: Liley 3. World XV: Tries: Cabannes, Joseph, Matsuda, Pichot, Sella, Serevi. Cons: Serevi 5

(at Twickenham)

Heineken League

First division

Aberavon 33 Abertillery 24

Aberavon: Tries: Baber, Jardine, Jasper, Kinsey, Merrett. Cons: Watts 4. Abertillery: Tries: Caswell, Corlett 2, M Williams. Cons: M Williams 2.

Cardiff 78 Newbridge 7

Cardiff: Tries: A Davies, A Lewis, G Jones 2, Hill 2, Rayer 2, Walker 2, Williams, Young. Cons: Rayer 8, Williams. Newbridge: Try: Sedgemore. Con: Strange.

Ebbw Vale 27 Newport 12

Ebbw Vale: Tries: Hayward 2, K Jones, Llewellyn. Cons: Hayward 2. Pen: Hayward. Newport: Pens: G Rees 4

Llanelli 23 Pontypridd 13

Llanelli: Tries: M Wintle, P Davies, Proctor. Con: McCarthy. Pens: McCarthy 2. Pontypridd: Try: Paul John. Con: Jenkins. Pens: Jenkins 2

Swansea 21 Neath 25

Swansea: Tries: Boobyer, Evans. Con: A Williams. Pens: A Williams 3. Neath: Tries: Evans, J Davies 2. Cons: Bridges 2. Pens: Bridges 2

Treorchy 20 Bridgend 20

Treorchy: Tries: A Thomas, Hammans, Riggs. Con: D Evans. Pen: D Evans. Bridgend: Tries: Forster 2, R Jones. Con: Griffiths. Pen: Griffiths.

	P	W	D	L	T	B	Pts
Neath	19	14	1	4	97	28	57
Cardiff	18	15	0	3	95	27	57
Llanelli	19	14	0	5	77	26	54
Pontypridd	18	14	0	4	67	20	48
Swansea	21	10	0	11	73	19	39
Bridgend	20	10	1	9	60	17	38
Ebbw Vale	21	11	0	10	44	8	30
Newport	19	10	1	8	37	8	29
Newbridge	20	8	0	12	39	8	24
Treorchy	19	5	1	13	37	8	19
Abertillery	21	2	0	19	41	8	12
Aberavon	21	3	0	18	32	6	12

Second division

Abercynon 26 Pontypool 18
Caerphilly 59 Tenby Utd 5
Cross Keys 39 Bonymaen 24
Llanharan 36 Llandovery 21
Maesteg 17 S Wales Police 11
Ystradgynlais 27 Dunvant 42

	P	W	D	L	T	B	Pts
Dunvant	21	17	0	4	73	22	56
Caerphilly	21	17	0	4	54	13	47
Pontypool	21	12	0	9	62	15	39
Cross Keys	21	10	0	11	57	15	35
Bonymaen	21	10	0	11	54	14	34
Llandovery	21	11	1	9	35	5	28
Maesteg	21	10	0	11	35	6	26
S Wales Police	21	7	0	14	47	11	25
Ystradgynlais	21	9	1	11	37	5	24
Llanharan	21	9	0	12	37	5	23
Abercynon	21	9	0	12	34	4	22
Tenby Utd	21	4	0	17	29	3	11

THIRD DIVISION: Blaina 17 Cardiff Inst 73. Glamorgan Wndrs 13 Kenfig Hill 16. Narberth 22 Mountain Ash 12, Penarth 15 Blackwood 18 Pyle 12 Tondu 16. Tredegar 27 Builth Wells 16

Tennents 1556 Cup

Quater-finals

Glasgow Acads 8 Melrose 14

Glasgow Acads: Try: Simmers. Pen: C MacGregor. Melrose: Try: Shepherd. Pens: G Parker 3

Hawick 26 Preston Lodge 11

Hawick: Tries: Elliot, Johnston, Oliver. Con: Welsh. Pens: Welsh 3. Preston Lodge: Try: Michie. Pen: Sandilands. Dropped goal: Stewart.

Heriots FP 6 Watsonians 23

Heriots FP: Pens: Lang 2. Watsonians: Tries: F Henderson, Kerr. Cons: Hodge 2. Pens: Hodge 3

Kilmarnock 13 Dundee HSFP 37

Kilmarnock: Try: Welsh. Con: Stewart. Pens: Stewart 2. Dundee HSFP: Tries: Hayter, Longstaff 3, Scott. Cons: Pearson 3. Pens: Pearson 2

TENNENTS 1556 BOWL: Quarter-finals: Saturday: Hillhead-Jordanhill 21 Ayr 9 (aet). Yesterday: Annan 22 Edinburgh Wands 7; Cartha QP 0 Selkirk 53, 9). Peebles 8 Edinburgh Acads 27.

TENNENTS 1556 SHIELD: Quarter-finals: Currie 43 Kelso 12, Glasgow Southern 13 Kirkcaldy 38, Gordonians 26 Glenrothes 5. West of Scotland 10 Stirling Co 18.

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Blackrock Col 34 Instonians 25
Cork Const 47 Old Belvedere 12
Garryowen 11 St Mary's College 9
Lansdowne 17 Ballymena 24
Young Munster 25 Old Wesley 15

Second division

Bective Rangers 42 Malone 12
Clontarf 18 NIFC 19
Greystones 10 Terenure Col 17

Yesterday

Sunday's Well 9 Old Crescent 16
Wanderers 17 Dolphin 16

CLUB MATCHES: Camborne 17 Launceston 22, Clifton 3 Lichfield 40, Coventry 55 Moseley 16. Harrogate 58 Broughton Park 19. Havant 13 Rosslyn Park 18; Henley 29 Leamington 39. Leeds 40 Wharfedale 22. Liverpool St Helens 32 Morley 17; London Irish 30 Sale 19. Gosforth 6 Kendal 13. Plymouth 37 Brixham 15. Preston Grasshoppers 15 Birkenhead Park 12. Redruth 20 Taunton 22. Sheffield 32 Macclesfield 26. Tabard 21 Richmond 41. Walsall 25 Burton 23, Weston-super-Mare 9 Stoke 8, Reading 41 High Wycombe 14. Cancelled: Aspatria v Fylde; Lydney v Bridgwater; Nottingham v Cheltenham. Rotherham v York, Sandal v New Brighton, Stourbridge v Hereford. Worcester v Stroud

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: England 18 France 22 (at Chester)

UNDER-19 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 11 Wales 18 (at Millbrae, Ayr).

UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland 19 Wales 11 (at Millbrae, Ayr).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY CUP: Final: Staines 29 O Merchant-Taylors 3 (at Harlequins).

MAZDA KENT CUP: Blackheath 23 Charlton Park 21 (at (at O Juddians, Tonbridge).

NORTH MIDLANDS COUNTY CUP: Final: Worcester 22 Hereford 11 (at Moseley).

EAST MIDLANDS COUNTY CUP: Final: Kettering 14 Ampthill 15 (at Kettering).

ALAN GRIMSDELL BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CUP: Final: Aylesbury 6 Marlow 6 (aet, at Aylesbury)

CUMBRIA COUNTY CUP: Final: Aspatria 20 Wigton 7 (at Ellis Ground, Workington)

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Final: Richmond 15 Saracens 35 (at Staines RFC).

WOMEN'S STUDENT CUP: Final: Loughborough 7 Brunel College 17 (at Staines RFC)

International match

France 64 Romania 12

France: Tries: Moni, Glas 2, Labrousse 2, Califano 3, Penaud, Ntamack. Cons: Dourthe 7. Romania: Pens: Popisteanu 3. Dropped goal: Popisteanu 1

(at Aurillac)

SUPER 12 TOURNAMENT: New South Wales 29 Otago 25 (in Sydney)

RACING

Newbury

Going: good to soft

2.00 (1m 3f 5yd) 1, High Baroque (J Reid, 9-1). 2, Flyfisher (20-1), 3, Mystic Knight (7-1). Bright Water 5-6 fav 5 ran. 3½l, 3½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £7.10; £2.90, £3.60 DF: £35.20 CSF: £90.10

2.30 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Spout (T Sprake, 6-1); 2, Wayne County (11-1), 3, Moonax (7-4 fav) 9 ran. NR: Juyush, Naked Welcome. Sh hd, ¾l. R Charlton. Tote: £7.60; £2.00, £2.80, £1.30. DF: £58.30. Trio: £37.40. CSF: £62.86

3.00 (7f) 1, Danehill Dancer (Pat Eddery, Evens fav). 2, Kahir Almaydan (11-2). 3, Tagula (6-1). 8 ran. 1½l, 1½l. N Callaghan. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £6.20. CSF: £6.88

3.30 (1m 7yd) 1, Royal Philosopher (M Hills, 25-1). 2, Cool Edge (14-1); 3, Cadeaux Tryst (12-1), 4, Wellon Arsenal (16-1). Clan Ben 7-1 fav 20 ran. 2l, 4l. J Hills. Tote: £24.80; £4.20, £3.40, £4.40. £3.00. DF: £144.00. Trio: £2,290.70. CSF: £317.23. Tricast: £4,088.36

4.00 (5f 34yd) 1, Cherry Blossom (Pat Eddery, 6-5 fav); 2, Copperbeech (4-1). 3, March Star (7-1) 7 ran. NR: Hype Energy. 3½l, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £2.80. Trio: £118.30. CSF: £6.53

4.30 (1m) 1, Nash House (J Reid, 4-9 fav). 2, The Dilettanti (50-1), 3, Mukhlles (6-1). 14 ran. NR: Will Do. Tote. 5l, 2l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £1.40, £1.10, £13.40, £1.60. DF: £70.40. CSF: £34.84.

5.00 (1m 4f 5yd) 1, Al's Alibi (Pat Eddery, 12-1), 2, Infamous (2-1 fav). 3, Rivercare (33-1). 12 ran. 3½l, 2l. W Muir. Tote: £14.60; £2.40, £1.60, £12.90. DF: £21.40. Trio: £645.40. CSF: £38.05. Tricast: £777.61.

5.30 (1m) 1, Golden Ace (Dane O'Neill, 33-1); 2, Forza Figlio (25-1). 3, Musick House (4-1). Phantom Quest 4-6 fav. 14 ran. ½l, sh hd. R Hannon. Tote: £62.80; £8.90, £6.00, £1.40. DF: £995.50. Trio: £486.90. CSF: £559.49.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,433.72 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £235.50. Quadpot: £15.10.

Thirsk

2.15 1, Mill End Girl (10-1), 2, Jib Jab (12-1). 3, Cantsaynowt (5-1). Caviar And Candy 13-8 fav. 8 ran.

2.50 1, Young Benson (7-1), 2, Soldier Mak (7-1); 3, Harry's Treat (12-1). Mellors 15-8 fav. 7 ran. NR: Calling, Only.

3.20 1, Stuffed (13-2); 2, Royal Dome (15-2). 3, Lady Sheriff (12-1), 4, Montrestar (14-1). Tenor 3-1 fav. 18 ran

3.50 1, Ramooz (4-1). 2, Bahamian Knight (7-1), 3, Ali-Royal (10-11 fav). 7 ran

4.20 1, Carranita (11-2); 2, Atraf (3-1); 3, Venture Capitalist (7-4 fav). 7 ran.

4.50 1, Tessajoe (3-1); 2, Domappel (9-2); 3, Ceilidh Star (7-1). Contrafire 9-4 fav. 11 ran.

5.20 1, Glowing Jade (9-1); 2, Queens Consul (11-2), 3, Gymcrak Flyer (14-1). Cashmere Lady 7-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Angel Chimes

5.50 1, Willisa (5-1), 2, Classic Beauty (9-1). 3, Scenicris (10-1). Belzao 4-5 fav. 8 ran. NR: Manoy

Ayr

1.55 1, Tough Test (12-1). 2, Master Sandy (5-2 fav); 3, Naughty Future (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Generator.

2.25 1, No Pain No Gain (4-7 fav), 2, Montrave (4-1). 3, Another Venture (9-1). 5 ran.

2.55 1, Addington Boy (5-2). 2, Challenger du Luc (7-4 jt-fav). 3, Oscail An Doras (66-1). Arctic Kinsman 7-4 jt-fav (f) 5 ran. NR: Spanish Light

3.25 1, Alderbrook (8-11 fav). 2, Escartefigue (8-1); 3, Land Afar (14-1). 9 ran.

4.05 1, Moorcroft Boy (20-1); 2, General Wolfe (9-2); 3, Arthur's Minstrel (16-1). 4, Lo Stregone (4-1 fav). 20 ran. NR: Ceilidh Boy, Off The Bru, Sir Peter Lely

4.40 1, Penny A Day (2-1 fav), 2, White Willow (16-1). 3, Arter Mole (4-1). 9 ran. NR: Dancing Dove, Taroudant, Well Appointed

5.10 1, Marello (7-4 fav); 2, Ready Money Creek (7-1), 3, Scoundrel (5-1). 20 ran

Danehill Dancer, ridden by Pat Eddery, wins the Tripleprint Greenham Stakes at Newbury on Saturday

Bangor

2.10 1, Around The Gale (7-1); 2, Whattabob (2-1 fav), 3, Green Crusader (14-1). 18 ran.

2.40 1, My Nominee (6-1). 2, Ambrose (13-2), 3, Lumberjack (12-1). Ryde Again 11-10 fav. 13 ran. NR: Kali Sana.

3.10 1, Jurz (11-8 fav). 2, Bentley Manor (20-1), 3, Copper Cable (50-1). 6 ran

3.45 1, Marine Society (14-1). 2, Feels Like Gold (13-2). 3, Skircoat Green (33-1). 4, Royal Piper (6-1 fav). 20 ran

4.15 1, Jason's Boy (6-1); 2, Cholsty (12-1) 3, Funcheon Gale (5-1). Three Saints 13-8 fav. 11 ran

4.45 1, Teaplanter (4-6 fav); 2, Peajade (11-2). 3, Howaryasun (6-1). 6 ran

5.15 1, Little Gunner (14-1). 2, Nessun Doro (6-1). 3, Texas Scramble (20-1). 4, Rain-N-Sun (6-1). Bright November 5-1 fav. 18 ran. NR: Desert Force, Shanakee.

Ascot

5.15 1, Djais (7-4 fav). 2, Dark Stranger (3-1). 3, Key To Moyade (50-1). 7 ran. NR: Hoh Warrior.

5.45 1, Flapjack Lad (11-2); 2, Reve En Rose (13-2). 3, Crackling Frost (12-1). Herbert Buchanan 4-1 fav. 12 ran.

6.15 1, Vicosa (6-1), 2, Full Of Fire (4-1 fav); 3, Synderborough Lad (9-2). 11 ran.

6.45 1, Suivez (4-1 jt-fav). 2, Albemine (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Ground Nut (11-2). 11 ran.

7.15 1, Nemuro (10-11 fav); 2, Fierce (9-2); 3, Sizzling Affair (10-1). 6 ran.

7.50 1, Phar From Funny (8-1), 2, Amaze (5-1). 3, I Have Him (10-1). Intermagic 11-4 jt-fav. 9 ran.

Stratford

5.30 1, Simple Simon (5-4 fav). 2, Nitre (33-1), 3, Harding (3-1). 17 ran

6.00 1, Conti D'Estruval (7-2 jt-fav). 2, Wise Approach (6-1). 3, Rustic Air (7-2 jt-fav). 9 ran

6.30 1, San Diego Charger (25-1). 2, Stately Home (14-1). 3, Cyrus The Great (7-1), 4, Poly Amanshaa (10-1). Children's Choice 13-2 fav. 17 ran

7.00 1, Grey Smoke (5-4 fav); 2, Bells Life (7-4); 3, Seod Rioga (3-1). 5 ran

7.30 1, Mr Golightly (9-2), 2, Sheer Jest (5-4 fav). 3, Space Fair (10-1). 16 ran

8.00 1, Daily Sport Girl (9-2), 2, Sharkashka (Evens fav); 3, Handy Lass (20-1). 9 ran.

CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

First Test match

West Indies v New Zealand

BRIDGETOWN (lunch on third day of five) West Indies, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 211 runs ahead of New Zealand

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

C M Spearman c Browne b Ambrose	0
R G Twose c Samuels b Walsh	2
S P Fleming c Chanderpaul b Walsh	1
A C Parore c Simmons b Adams	59
N J than Astle c Browne b Thompson	54
C Z Harris c Lara b Thompson	0
J T C Vaughan c Bishop b Adams	44
*†L K Germon c Chanderpaul b Adams	0
G R Larsen st Browne b Adams	12
D K Morrison not out	4
R J Kennedy c Browne b Adams	0
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 17)	19
Total	195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-6, 4-86, 5-87, 6-154, 7-157, 8-186, 9-193

BOWLING: Ambrose 13-4-33-1; Walsh 17-6-30-2; Bishop 10-3-36-0; Thompson 8-0-58-2; Simmons 3-0-11-0; Adams 9-4-17-5; Chanderpaul 2-0-9-0

WEST INDIES: First Innings

S L Campbell not out	189
R G Samuels lbw b Larsen	12
B C Lara c Spearman b Larsen	35
P V Simmons lbw b Larsen	22
J C Adams c Germon b Vaughan	20
S Chanderpaul c Harris b Morrison	82
†C O Browne c Astle b Kennedy	20
I R Bishop not out	7
Extras (lb 6, nb 12)	18
Total (6 wkts)	406

C E Ambrose, *C A Walsh and P I C Thompson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-103, 3-129, 4-182, 5-337, 6-386.

BOWLING: Morrison 25-2-110-1; Kennedy 22-3-89-1; Larsen 36-13-71-3, Vaughan 29-6-65-1, Harris 26-10-42-0, Twose 4-0-20-0. Astle 1-0-3-0

Umpires: S Bucknor (West Indies) and P Willey (Eng)

Third umpire: H Moore (West Indies)

Match referee: M Denness (Eng)

County match

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (final day of three). Lancashire drew with Yorkshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 212 (S Elworthy 88, A G Wharf 4 for 29)

Second Innings

*M A Atherton lbw b Hamilton	16
N J Speak not out	8
G Yates not out	0
Total (1 wkt)	24

FALL OF WICKET: 1-24.

BOWLING: Hamilton 3-0-11-1, Wharf 2.4-0-13-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

C J Schofield c Yates b Green	25
M P Vaughan b Austin	5
*D Byas c Hegg b Elworthy	32
C White c Hegg b Green	0
R A Kettleborough c Hegg b Green	85
†R J Blakey c Flintoff b Elworthy	7
A C Morris c Hegg b Green	60
D Gough c Hegg b Green	7
G M Hamilton b Green	0
A G Wharf not out	8
I D Fisher not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 2)	8
Total (9 wkts dec)	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-50, 3-50, 4-69, 5-79, 6-217, 7-227, 8-227, 9-236.

BOWLING: Elworthy 24-3-89-2; Austin 23-13-43-1. Green 16.5-5-41-6, Keedy 18-8-32-0. Yates 10-4-12-0. Titchard 2-0-14-0

Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer.

University match

Oxford University v Middlesex

THE PARKS (first day of three. Middlesex won toss) Middlesex have scored 197 for five wickets against Oxford University

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes c Batty b Thomson	8
J C Harrison c Batty b Mather	38
*M W Gatting c Wagh b du Preez	63
J D Carr c Batty b Thomson	43
S P Moffat lbw b Du Preez	0
M A Feltham not out	13
J P Hewitt not out	16
Extras (lb 6, w 10)	16
Total (5 wkts)	197

†‡J Gould, A R C Fraser, D Follet and P C R Tufnell to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-90, 3-168, 4-168, 5-168.

BOWLING: du Preez 20-6-44-2; Thomson 19.4-5-51-2; Wright 9-0-33-0; Mather 11-0-45-1; Malik 2-0-18-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: *C M Gupte, G J Wright, A C Ridley, G A Khan, M A Wagh, H S Malik, M E D Jarrett, †J N Batty, R B Thomson, S P du Preez, D P Mather.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and M K Reed

One-day match

Lancashire v Yorkshire

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire beat Yorkshire by five wickets

YORKSHIRE

*D Byas c Lloyd b Green	28
M P Vaughan c Speak b Elworthy	10
M G Bevan b Yates	29
C White c Hegg b Austin	0
†R J Blakey c Hegg b Green	1
R A Kettleborough c Hegg b Martin	22
A C Morris st Hegg b Yates	3
D Gough c Hegg b Martin	5
P J Hartley not out	22
G M Hamilton b Martin	10
M J Hoggard not out	6
Extras (lb 5, w 11)	16
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	152

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-52, 3-52, 4-57, 5-88, 6-100, 7-108, 8-111, 9-126.

BOWLING: Martin 8-0-44-3; Elworthy 8-1-28-1, Austin 8-1-28-1, Green 6-1-15-2. Yates 8-2-22-2, Titchard 2-0-10-0.

LANCASHIRE

*M A Atherton c Morris b Hartley	16
S P Titchard c Blakey b Hoggard	9
N J Speak b Hartley	6
G D Lloyd c Blakey b White	20
A Flintoff not out	50
S Elworthy c Blakey b Hoggard	15
†W K Hegg not out	20
Extras (lb 2, w 12, nb 4)	18
Total (5 wkts, 36.2 overs)	154

I D Austin, R J Green, P J Martin and G Yates did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-36, 3-41, 4-80, 5-131.

BOWLING: Gough 7-0-17-0; Hoggard 8-1-40-2; Hartley 6.2-1-27-2; Hamilton 6-1-21-0; White 4-0-21-1. Morris 2-0-11-0; Vaughan 3-0-15-0.

Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer.

TENNIS

TOKYO: Japan Open: Finals: Men: Singles: P Sampras (US) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-4, 7-5. Doubles: T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Knowles (Bah) and R Reach (US) 6-2, 6-2. Women: Singles: K Date (Japan) bt A Frazier (US) 7-5, 6-4.

BARCELONA: Men's tournament: Singles: Semi-finals: M Rios (Chile) bt J Courier (US) 7-6, 4-6, 7-6; T Muster (Austria) bt C Moya (Sp) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Final: Muster bt Rios 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

PAGET, Bermuda: Men's tournament: Open: Semi-finals: Singles: M Washington (US) bt M Zabaleta (Arg) 6-4, 7-6; M Filippini (Uruguay) bt J Frana (Arg) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1. Doubles: J Apell (Swe) and B Haygarth (SA) bt V Spadea (US) and C van Rensburg (SA) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; P Cash and P Rafter (Aus) bt N Lapentti (Ecuador) and S Touzil (Ger) 7-6 6-4.

EDINBURGH: SLTA Scottish Reebok tour event: Finals: Men: N Weal (Hants) bt R Matheson (Whitecraigs) 7-5, 7-6. Women: J Pullin (Sussex) bt J Ward (Northumberland) 3-6, 6-0, 6-0.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Vauxhall Conference

Kidderminster v Stevenage (7.45) ....
Southport v Macclesfield (7.45) ....

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Bromley.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth Spartans v Hyde. President's Cup: Final, first leg: Guiseley v Worksop.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Charlton, Bristol Rovers v Oxford United; Chelsea v Norwich (at Kingstonian FC, 7.0); Crystal Palace v Queens Park Rangers (at Dulwich Hamlet FC, 7.0). Millwall v Luton (7.0); Swindon v Ipswich (at Witney Town, 2.0).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham v Manchester United (7.0). Newcastle v Bolton (at Gateshead FC, 7.0). Wolverhampton v Blackburn (at Telford FC, 7.0). Second division: Aston Villa v Bradford (7.0). Manchester City v Port Vale (at Witton Albion FC, 7.0); Preston v Middlesbrough (7.0)

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Woolwich v Croydon.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Maine Road v Newcastle Town.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield v North Ferriby.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham v Furness.

CRICKET

County match

11.0, 50 overs

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire

Tetley's Shield

11.0, third day of four

CHELMSFORD: England A v The Rest

University matches

11.0 to 6.30, final day of three

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Derbyshire

11.30 to 6.30, second day of three

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Middlesex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Leicestershire. Canterbury: Kent v Lancashire. Knowle and Dorridge: Warwickshire v Derbyshire. Second day of three: Taunton: Somerset v Nottinghamshire

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Commonwealth cruiserweight championship: Chris Okoh (Croydon, holder) v Paul Gregory (Aus). British super-featherweight championship (vacant): P J Gallagher (Wood Green) v Davey McHale (Glasgow) (Crystal Palace National Sports Centre)

RACING: Brighton (2.0); Hexham (2.20); Nottingham (2.10)

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Exeter v Bradford (7.30). Reading v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30); Wolverhampton v London (7.30).

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

UNDER-21 MATCH: England v Croatia (at Roker Park, Sunderland, 7.45).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Port Vale v Luton (7.45); Watford v Grimsby (7.45). Second division: Burnley v Bristol Rovers, Carlisle v York (7.45); *Chesterfield v Swindon (7.45); Notts County v Brighton (7.45); Oxford United v Shrewsbury (7.45); Rotherham v Stockport, Walsall v Hull (7.45). Third division: Chester v Northampton, Hereford v Darlington. Mansfield v Torquay (7.45). Scunthorpe v Doncaster.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v Stalybridge (7.45). Runcorn v Northwich (7.45). Welling v Kettering (7.45)

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Pontypridd v Newbridge (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Chepstow (2.10): Folkestone (2.0), Pontefract (2.20)

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: England v Croatia (at Wembley, 8.0). Czech Republic v Ireland (at Prague). Denmark v Scotland (at Parken Stadium, Copenhagen, 7.15). Northern Ireland v Sweden (at Windsor Park, Belfast). Switzerland v Wales (at Comaredo Stadium, Lugano, 7.15).

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Gateshead v Southport (7.45)

SPALDING CUP: Final, first leg: Macclesfield v Bromsgrove (7.45).

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Leicester v Gloucester (7.45).

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Newport (7.0).

CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff v Pontypool (7.15), Cardiff Inst v Newport (7.0)

CRICKET

UNIVERSITY MATCH (one day): The Parks: British Universities v Warwickshire

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Catterick Bridge (2.20), Perth (2.40), Southwell (AW, 2.30).

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Cradley Heath and Stoke v Wolverhampton (7.30). Long Eaton v Ipswich (7.30). Poole v Oxford (7.30). Scottish Monarchs (at Glasgow) v Reading (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: First round, first leg: Hull v Middlesbrough (7.30)

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh).

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stalybridge v Northwich (7.45)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SUPER LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Whitehaven (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Beverley (2.10): Fontwell Park (2.20). Perth (2.0)

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Ipswich v Sheffield (7.30); London v Cradley Heath and Stoke (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: First round, second leg: Middlesbrough v Hull (7.30)

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh)

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford v Brentford (7.45)

CRICKET

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP (one day): The Parks: British Universities v Kent. Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Durham. Cardiff: Glamorgan v Essex. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Sussex. Southampton: Hampshire v Ireland. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Minor Counties; Lord's: Middlesex v Somerset. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Leicestershire. Worcester: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire, Headingley: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation bantamweight championship: Robbie Regan (Wales) v Daniel Jiminez (P Rico, holder) (Cardiff)

RACING: Sandown Park (2.0). Carlisle (2.10). Ludlow (5.45). Perth (2.20). Taunton (5.30).

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v London (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: First round, first leg: Oxford v Swindon (7.30). Second round, first leg: Peterborough v Coventry (7.30)

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v Manchester City. Blackburn v Arsenal. Bolton v Southampton; Liverpool v Middlesbrough; Queens Park Rangers v West Ham. Sheffield Wednesday v Everton. Tottenham v Chelsea; Wimbledon v Coventry.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Grimsby v Tranmere, *Leicester v Birmingham. Luton v Barnsley. Millwall v Stoke. Norwich v Watford. Port Vale v Charlton. Portsmouth v Ipswich. Reading v Sheffield United, Southend v Oldham. Sunderland v West Bromwich. Wolverhampton v Huddersfield. Second division: Blackpool v Walsall. Bournemouth v Chesterfield. Bradford v Brentford. Brighton v York. Bristol City v Rotherham. Crewe v Oxford United. Notts County v Swansea; Peterborough v Hull; Shrewsbury v Swindon. Stockport v Bristol Rovers. Wrexham v Burnley. Wycombe v Carlisle. Third division: Cardiff v Hereford. *Darlington v Chester, Doncaster v Wigan. Exeter v Bury; Fulham v Gillingham; Hartlepool v Preston. Leyton Orient v Barnet. Mansfield v Colchester; Northampton v Lincoln. Rochdale v Plymouth. Scarborough v Scunthorpe. Torquay v Cambridge United

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HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Abertillery v Swansea (2.30). Bridgend v Ebbw Vale (2.30). Neath v Llanelli (2.30); Newbridge v Aberavon (2.30). Newport v Cardiff (2.30); Pontypridd v Treorchy (2.30). Second division: Bonymaen v Abercynon (2.30), Dunvant v Llanharan (2.30), Llandovery v Maesteg (2.30): Pontypool v Ystradgynlais (2.30); South Wales Police v Caerphilly (2.30): Tenby Utd v Cross Keys (2.30)

INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: First division: Garryowen v Young Munster (2.30); St Mary's College v Cork Constitution (2.30). Second division: Wanderers v Malone (2.30)

CLUB MATCH: High Wycombe v Rouen (Fr).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Final: Bradford Bulls v St Helens (at Wembley, 2.30).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Scottish Women's strokeplay championship (Royal Troon).

RACING: Sandown Park (2.15); Market Rasen (2.10): Leicester (2.0); Ripon (2.05); Wolverhampton (AW, 7.0); Worcester (5.45).

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: World under-21 championship: British final. Swindon (7.30). Premier League: Bradford v Middlesbrough (7.30). Eastbourne v Sheffield (7.30).

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester United v Nottingham Forest (4.0)

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Crystal Palace

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove v Northwich (12.0); Welling v Macclesfield

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Rangers v Aberdeen

CRICKET

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OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World League: Scottish Claymores v Amsterdam (Murrayfield).

GOLF: Scottish Women's strokeplay championship (Royal Troon).

MOTORCYCLING: World superbike championship (Donington Park).

SNOOKER: Embassy World Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY: World championship: British Final: Coventry (6.30).

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Edinburgh): LTA spring satellite tournament (Queenswood).

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Political postures in the stand form backdrop to Twickenham try spree

Sella makes the world of difference

Leicester 31
World XV 40

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

A DAY and a match bathed in sunshine makes a pleasant change for the Rugby Football Union (RFU) these days. For once they could leave the stage to the players who contested the first Sanyo Cup, Leicester representing the English first division against an international XV culled mainly from those not contracted to the southern-hemisphere Super 12 tournament.

Yet, even at Twickenham yesterday, the political nuances remained. Leicester are one of the leading clubs in dispute with the RFU; Peter Wheeler, their chief executive, occupied one end of the committee podium while, at the other, sat Cliff Brittle, chairman of the RFU executive committee and perceived by the clubs as the chief stumbling block to progress.

Between them sat Bill Bishop, the RFU president, upon whose mediation so much depends. Not that the 31,700 crowd — 24,000 more than watched the county championship final 24 hours earlier — was worried too much about the symbolism. A carefree day, two teams uninhibited by league pressures or cup cares and 11 tries to celebrate.

That Leicester lost is neither here nor there. They benefit by £50,000 from the sponsorship, plus their share of the receipts, which will be divided among all the first-division clubs. More significantly, they escaped without injuries, which, considering their matches with Gloucester on Wednesday and Harlequins on Saturday, was a relief.

They conceded the match by making six changes during the second half, to preserve their most important players for sterner tasks. Thus a 26-12 interval advantage dwindled in a second half dominated by the World XV, whose morale was lifted by the enthusiasm of Pichot, the Argentinia scrum half, Latu, of Japan, and the New Zealand forward, Jamie Joseph, who played the only way his countrymen know — hard.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

An attacking thrust by Humphreys, centre, of the World XV, is halted in its tracks by the combined might of Kardooni, left, and Liley

The game was played under the new experimental laws that have been in place since the start of the southern-hemisphere season, the most important being the one that keeps the back row bound at scrums.

Steve Hackney set the tone within four minutes, taking an inside pass from Malone and carving through the midfield before arcing back to the right, out of reach of Yoshida. For a few glorious minutes, Leicester played the 15-man rugby of which their critics say they are incapable. Tarbuck was released by Liley's long pass and Richards scored the most popular of tries after Johnson displayed football skills that would not have shamed Leicester City.

Thierry Lacroix sustained a damaged hamstring trying to stop the England lock and was carried off. Since the France centre has a relegation game to play for Dax against Lourdes next weekend, and is on the verge of signing a three-year contract with Natal, coming into effect when Dax's season ends, he will not be the happiest of men.

Potter lanced through the middle but Serevi and Cabannes kept the guests in touch. Though Tarbuck's second try stretched the Leicester lead Sella initiated his team's comeback. Townsend sent the former France centre away and, where their captain went, Joseph, from close range, and Pichot, from a distance, followed.

Tony Underwood, somewhat unkindly, put in the last-gasp tackle that denied his former club a try through Robinson and finally Serevi presented Matsuda with the closing touchdown.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Tarbuck (2), Hackney, Richards, Potter. Conversions: Liley (3). World XV: Tries: Serevi, Cabannes, Sella, Joseph, Pichot, Matsuda. Conversions: Serevi (5)

LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, S Potter, R Robinson, R Underwood, N Malone, A Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, C Tarbuck, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards. Kardooni replaced by J Hamilton (40min). Cockerill replaced by D West (40); Richards replaced by J Wells (61); Liley replaced by J Harris (62); Hackney replaced by A McAdam (64), Garforth replaced by D Jelley (74).

WORLD XV: W Serevi (Fiji); T Underwood (England), P Sella (France), T Lacroix (France), Y Yoshida (Japan), G Townsend (Scotland), G Bachop (New Zealand); N Popplewell (Ireland), J Humphreys (Wales), P Fatialofa (Western Samoa), I Macdonald (South Africa), G Llewellyn (Wales), D Jones (Wales), L Cabannes (France), J Joseph (New Zealand). Lacroix replaced by G Johnson (South Africa, 26); Yoshida replaced by T Matsuda (Japan, 40); Bachop replaced by A Pichot (Argentina, 40), Macdonald replaced by R Martin (Argentina, 40); Cabannes replaced by S Latu (Japan, 40), Humphreys replaced by M Regan (England, 77)

Referee: E Morrison (England).

Bath take advantage of Orrell's ground stroke

Orrell 11
Bath 44

By Christopher Irvine

WIGANERS shopped on Saturday, happily oblivious to Bath becoming Courage League champions-elect. News of the Russian grain harvest would probably figure higher on their list of priorities. Yet, if the roles were reversed, would local people pack the Recreation Ground for a game of rugby league?

Just as Wigan supporters will travel to the ends of the earth, Bath followers journeyed off the rugby union map to Central Park. For company they had a committed few from Orrell and, conspicuous by the cherry-and-white shirts, about a dozen curious Wigan rugby league supporters — a feeble 2,650 all told, who could have comfortably fitted into Edge Hall Road, six miles away.

When the mountain comes and Muhammad cannot be bothered, it is time to put the experiment down to experience. After the Orrell president's welcoming message, complaints filled the programme about the Leicester match at Wigan last month, when the Grand National and Wigan's first Super League game were blamed for a crowd of 3,637.

Revenue from sponsorship packages is all very fine, except that again Wigan's rugby league public voted with their feet. Orrell forfeited the advantage of a home that opposing sides hate, slope and all, and which is homelier, more atmospheric and more intimidating than Central Park's wide, flat surface, on which Bath indulged themselves. As with Leicester, the switch played into the visitors' hands.

The money-spinning cross-code challenge matches with Bath next month have excited the Wigan public far more, so much so that the club has threatened legal action against Twickenham for halving the ground capacity to 37,500 on May 25, citing local rail works, which Bath estimate could cost them £200,000.

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Bath's players were surprised by the pace with which Wigan overran Bradford the previous night in mugging-up for the first match, under league rules at Maine Road on May 8, and the Wigan team looked for tips from Bath's close-quarters mauling and quick recycling, by Robinson, in particular, that left Orrell exposed.

Not that Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, is looking that far. "It's difficult to get our minds round that. The league and cup are very much our priorities," he said. "The ball is now in our court. What we've got to do is make sure we don't do something stupid like we did in losing to Sale at home last season."

A steadier nerve on Sale's visit next Saturday and an 85-point differential to the good over Leicester — thanks to six tries, including two apiece for the irrepressible Haag and the impressive Sleightholme, on Saturday — should help Bath to wrap up their sixth Courage Clubs Championship title in nine seasons.

Nicol and de Glanville, originator and scorer of the best try, added to the large tally. The only pity was that Catt did not get the cream of a touchdown. He purred to engaging effect in a No 10 jersey that must now be his for keeps.

SCORERS: Orrell: Try: Wynn. Penalty goals: Mason, Healey. Bath: Tries: Haag (2), Sleightholme (2), Nicol, de Glanville. Conversions: Callard (4) Penalty goals: Callard (2).

ORRELL: S Mason, I Wynn, L Tuigamala, P Johnson, G Smith; A Peacock, A Healey; P Winstanley, M Scott, R Rawlinson, J Huxley, C Cusani, P O'Neill, T Woods, P Manley. Mason replaced by S Taberner (29min). Scott replaced by A Moffatt (70); Manley replaced by P Anglesea (68).

BATH: J Callard; J Sleightholme, P de Glanville, A Adebayo, A Lumsden; M Catt, A Nicol; K Yates, G Dawe, J Mallett, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, S Ojomoh, E Peters. De Glanville replaced by A Webber (47).

Referee: C White (Gloucester)

Bracken rises above malaise to lift Bristol

Bristol 21
Saracens 7

By David Hands

SOME weeks ago, Mark Evans, the Saracens coach, opined that 12 points would grant immunity from relegation from the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship. On Saturday, he watched as Bristol achieved that target, though whether their post-match euphoria was entirely justified remains a matter for conjecture.

Perhaps, when you have not won a league match since November 4, joy can be unconfined; perhaps, in the uncertainty which surrounds the league structure (the Rugby Football Union says there will be relegation, the senior clubs say there will not), it is better to be safe than sorry and, barring a shock result by Gloucester at Leicester on Wednesday, Bristol are now safe.

But it was a desperate affair, fought out by two clubs low on confidence and unable to inject any pace or vision, at a Memorial Ground in the process of refurbishment. Kyran Bracken was the exception to the general malaise and, had his colleagues possessed more of the England reserve scrum half's strength and wit, victory might not have come as such an almighty relief. In the first half of this season, Bracken was burdened by minor injuries and lost his international place: now he looks sharp and, just as he did against Leicester the previous week, danced over for an important try just before the interval.

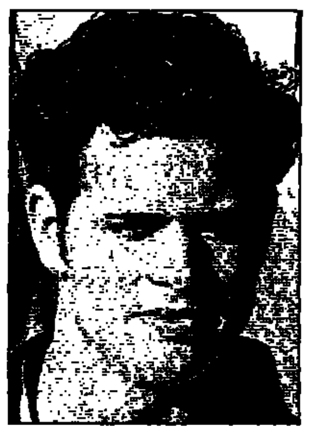
Indeed, Bristol's four internationals gave them a solid core, even though the selection of Garath Archer may have provoked mixed feelings. Archer is on his way to Newcastle and, depending upon the outcome of the meeting of the Gloucestershire disciplinary committee tonight, may be on his way to an enforced rest from the game. To the two yellow warning cards which have brought him before the committee, he added one for stamping on the recumbent Tony Copsey. He also acquired one in France.

Until Archer can discipline himself better, he will remain a mixed blessing. "He has so much raw potential," Brian Hanlon, the Bristol director of coaching, said. "But I feel he has made a mistake moving. He won his [England] cap playing in the first division, while Martin Bayfield lost the place playing for the best team in the second division [Northampton]. I feel Garath has handed his international jersey back to Bayfield."

Hanlon returns to his native New Zealand early next month, happy that Bristol have acquired significant representative honours and recruited well during his three years. The virtual certainty, by anyone's criteria, of first-division rugby next season should help his successor, Alan Davies, to settle negotiations over contracts.

That Saracens trailed 10-0 in the first half was at once a travesty of justice, given their territorial dominance, and a condemnation of their inability to score points. Three times Gareth Hughes, who missed six assorted kicks at goal against Bath a week earlier, lined up penalties which resolutely refused to find their target — the first, agonisingly, hit a post.

Evans can only shrug his shoulders and acknowledge that, having won games earlier this season on the back of goalkicking, his players are now unable to do so. It is no consolation to know that, next season, the world's greatest international points accumulator, Michael Lynagh, will be on the club's books; assuming that relegation exists, Saracens must beat Gloucester at the Kingsholm cockpit in five days' time to have a chance of avoiding it.



Bracken: important try

Bristol, having chiselled out a 13-0 lead, contrived to let Saracens back into the game when Knibbs and the Tongan, Tiueti, dithered over a rolling ball and allowed Hill to drive over for a try which Singer, taking over from the hapless Hughes, converted. But Tainton rubbed salt into their wounds by landing his third penalty and Regan rewarded the long-suffering Bristol crowd with a try of genuine quality after the seemingly ageless Knibbs had made the overlap.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Bracken, Regan. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goals: Tainton (3). Saracens: Try: Hill. Conversion: Singer

BRISTOL: R Knibbs, B Breeze, S Martin, K Maggs, D Tiueti, M Tainton, K Bracken, A Sharp, M Regan, D Hinkins, M Corry, P Adams, G Archer, I Dixon, E Rollitt.

SARACENS: M Singer, K Chesney, J Buckton, S Ravenscroft, M Gregory, G Hughes, B Davies, G Holmes, G Botterman, S Wilson, E Halvey, M Burrow, A Copsey, R Hill, A Diprose. Copsey replaced by M Langley (78min)

Referee: N Cousins (London)

Sorry West down and out

Wasps 52
West Hartlepool 12

By Peter Bills

NO GREATER contrast would have been possible between two teams at the end of this final home game of Wasps' season. The starkly differing fortunes of two clubs, one on its way to elite European competition, the other into Courage League division two and a substantial rebuilding exercise, were sad to see.

Wasps' comprehensive victory, an eight-try spectacular, was achieved without them ever being hugely impressive. That was what made West's plight even worse.

West have had the heart torn out of their club, with 20 players departing at various times this season, and had four youngsters making their league debuts on Saturday.

Their chairman, Philip Yuill, who retains his ambitions for the club, concedes: "It has been a difficult winter."

Yuill insists the rebuilding work will be tackled with energy. Kevin Moseley, the former Wales lock forward, is due to join Mark Ring at the club in a player-coach role, and Matthew Silva is another imminent arrival from Wales. Many more will be needed.

In contrast, there is already undoubted talent at Sudbury. Roiser is a fast, skilful wing who would have scored many more than his two tries against West had he not been starved of possession for long periods. Wasps preferred to use their back row to gain ground rather than spread ball down the back line.

Wasps scored 26 points in the opening 24 minutes and the highest ever Courage League score of 91 points seemed attainable. However, they lost shape and composure as their play became too ragged.

Wasps did not score for more than half an hour in the middle of the match, but late tries for Gregory, Molloy and Greenwood emphasised their crushing superiority.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Roiser (2), Gregory (2), Greenstock, Gomersall, Molloy, Greenwood. Conversions: Gregory (6). West Hartlepool: Tries: M Thompson, Patterson. Conversion: Oliphant.

WASPS: J Ufton; L Scrase, N Greenstock, A James, S Roiser; G Gregory, A Gomersall; D Molloy, D Macer, W Green, M White, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, L Dallaglio, P Scrivener. Gomersall replaced by M Skinner (70min). Scrivener replaced by A Orugboh (66).

WEST HARTLEPOOL: K Oliphant; M Wood, M Thompson, C Lee, R Thompson, T Knowles, D Patterson; P Lancaster, T Herbert, P Whitelock, G Wappett, C Murphy, K Westgarth, T Boyd, P Evans. Lee replaced by O Evans (77); Knowles replaced by D Tighe (79)

Referee: C Harrison (East Midlands).

Counties in twilight zone

Gloucestershire 17
Warwickshire 13

By Nicolas Andrews

THE county championship will take place again next season. Indeed, the draw for the first round of matches has already been made, so, in these uncertain times for rugby union, one can find some solace in that. But an era surely came to an end with this 96th final at Twickenham.

Gloucestershire, the new champions, will be chasing a record seventeenth title next year, but without their leading players. Club contracts will mean few are free to play relatively meaningless representative rugby such as this.

The Rugby Football Union must also doubt whether it can afford to stage what was once so prestigious a final at a ground that was barely one-tenth full. Yes, this was amateurism's last stand, and only 7,500 people seemed to care.

Devalued tournament or not, winning clearly mattered to the Gloucestershire players, who withstood a Warwickshire second-half revival. Stanley, the Gloucestershire captain, peeled off the back of a lineout for a try after five minutes. With 32 minutes gone, Patten punched a hole in the Warwickshire defence before Davis burrowed over.

Gallagher, the stand-off half, represented Warwickshire's best chance of recovery. The pack finally got on terms, prompted by some mighty kicks from their No 10. Warr scored the Warwickshire try after four tapped penalties on 61 minutes. Gallagher then cut the deficit to four points.

Smith can retire a happy man if Gloucester survive relegation. However, Gloucestershire could have done without the full back's three missed penalties in the second half.

SCORERS: Gloucestershire: Tries: Stanley, Davis. Conversions: Smith (2). Penalty goal: Smith. Warwickshire: Try: Warr. Conversion: Gallagher. Penalty goals: Gallagher (2).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: T J Smith (Gloucester); J R Perrins (Gloucester), D A Edwards (Berry Hill), L Osborne (Gloucester), D Morgan (Cheltenham); R Mills (Lydney), J Davis (Lydney); R J Phillips (Cheltenham), N D Nelmes (Lydney), S A Baldwin (Gloucester Old Boys), A Knox (Lydney), T M Clink (Cheltenham), J Brain (Cheltenham), A A Stanley (Gloucester, captain), I S Patten (Coventry).

WARWICKSHIRE: A R Parton (Hanley); J S Minshull (Kenilworth), M Curtis (Coventry), M W Palmer (Rugby), D Watson (Rugby); M D Gallagher (Nottingham), M Warr (Sale); G J Tregilgas (Coventry, captain), R L Burdett (Rugby), S T Revan (Rugby), M R Ellis (Rugby), S D Smith (Rugby), P J Bowman (Rugby), S M Carter (Rugby), M S Fountaine (Bristol). Ellis replaced by A Ruddlesdin (Long Buckby, 69min).

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Safe option serves purpose for Neath

Swansea 21
Neath 25

By Gerald Davies

NEATH gained an extra bonus point for the three tries they scored but came close to losing the two league points they eventually received for winning the match. With one eye on the other clubs who are chasing the Heineken League title, Neath allowed themselves to be distracted before they had actually won the game.

Twice in the middle of the second half, when they were leading by only 19-14, they were awarded penalties in front of the posts some 20 metres out, but chose to attempt intricate manoeuvres involving a quick pass from scrum half to hooker, followed by a dummy here and a pass there, meant to carve openings for tries which did not materialise.

Lyn Jones, one of the club coaches, was beside himself on the touchline. In a frenzy of gesticulations he indicated they should simply settle for the three points. For the next couple of penalty chances that came their way, Neath decided to take the easy option and Bridges kicked the goals that settled the outcome.

Swansea, with a catalogue of injuries, have fallen from grace in recent weeks. Even so, they should have shown a more steely resolve than to allow both Cardiff and Pontypridd to score over a half-century of points each against them. Neath must have thought they could do the same. But it did not turn out that way, although for a while it looked as if it might.

Neath scored two fine tries in the first ten minutes. If fingertip passing of the highest order from their three-quarters set up the position, it was a powerful drive from the lineout close to the Swansea line which gave John Davies the first of his two tries. Some deft handling again, from Leigh Davies and Woodland, carved the space for Geraint Evans to score. In between, Aled Williams kicked a penalty for the home side.

While Neath were speedy and inventive, Swansea were more cautiously old-fashioned. Arnold was in fine form in the lineout while Jones and Williams at half back carefully chose where to place their kicks. Time and again Williams frustrated the visitors with his long punts to the corners. By half-time he had succeeded with two more penalties and Eyros Evans, the hooker, had scored a try to give Swansea the lead.

After John Davies had scored his second try, the match developed into a battle for forward supremacy with Neath finally gaining the upper hand, even though Boobyer's try, converted by Williams, brought Swansea within a point at one stage.

Neath are now level on points with Cardiff at the top of the division, but they hold a marginal advantage, having scored two more tries this season.

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: Boobyer, E Evans. Conversions: Williams. Penalty goals: Williams (3). Neath: Tries: J Davies (2), Evans. Conversions: Bridges (2). Penalty goals: Bridges (2).

SWANSEA: R Boobyer; A Harris, M Taylor, D Weatherly, S Davies; A Williams, R Jones; K Colclough, E Evans, C Anthony, C Charvis, P Arnold, M Evans, A Reynolds, S Davies

NEATH: G Davies; C Higgs, L Davies, H Woodland, G Evans; P Williams, C Bridges; L Gerrard, B Williams, J Davies, C Scott, Glyn Llewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn, R Jones, S Williams. S Williams replaced by A Kembury (73min).

Referee: R G Davies (Swansea).

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Whether it's beginner's luck or the inspiration that day of watching Henry V on television leading the troops at Agincourt I'll never know, but the first arrow I ever loose hits the target smack in the middle.

"Bull's eye!" I shout. "Gold," corrects Mike Stanley, who is coach to the juniors in the Northern Counties Archery Society. Learning a new sport is like learning a new language. By the end of the day nocking points, lower limbs, piles and centre servings are as familiar to me as to Robin Hood and William Tell.

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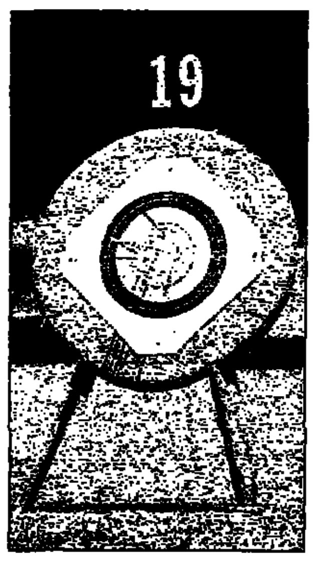
"As far as I'm concerned, the number one priority is to get beginners to hit the target as quickly as possible and as often as possible," Stanley says. With an arm guard on my left arm, I approach the shooting line. The guard is there to protect against bruising from the string.

After my first arrow I was on target for a maximum score but subsequent arrows failed to live up to expectations. I did grasp the importance of grouping them which indicates consistency of shooting.

For obvious reasons safety is of prime importance in archery. Never draw the string back on the bow or shoot from any position except the shooting line, and when you've shot your arrows withdraw from the line and wait for a signal to collect them. If a dangerous situation develops, call "fast" and this stops all shooting immediately. Alcohol is banned from competitions.



Not bull's eye but gold

As instructed, I stand with one foot each side of the shooting line and my shoulder towards the target ten metres away. Taking the bow by its throat with my left hand I set the back end of the arrow, the nock, into the string's nocking point with my right hand. The secret apparently is to stick your elbow out as you draw back the string in that slightly exaggerated fashion that some drinkers assume when raising a pint. Then, by rotating the shoulder blade back and keeping the three middle fingers of the right hand underneath the arrow, with the index finger close to my mouth, I'm ready to shoot.

With my dominant eye — here Stanley taps his right eye to remind me which one he's referring to — I look down the shaft of the arrow at the target of compressed straw and release the string. Because I'm not using sights I'm shooting what's known as "barebow three fingers under". Once you can hit the same spot time and time again, with a little tweaking of direction they could all be gold. Many people have the advantage of sights on their bow. There are stabilisers as well which point out from the front and sides of the bow and cut down its vibration on shooting.

According to the Grand National Archery Society, which is the national governing body of the sport, there are more than 1,100 archery clubs between the Shetlands and the Channel Islands. Another 64 clubs are specifically for the disabled. "This is very much a sport for all: all ages, all the family and all levels of ability," John Middleton, chief executive of the GNAS, says. "You can take it up at any time and put as much or as little as you like into it."

The sport itself is split into target and field archery. Distances between shooting line and target vary from 10-90 metres depending on ability, whether you're inside or outside and whether you're a senior or junior.

The Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc is the world governing body and organises major competitions and tournaments. "Anybody who thinks archery is a sport for softies should consider that in a Fita men's round you're walking three miles and carrying the equivalent of more than two tons on your shoulders," Stanley says. The load he's referring to is the 30-50lb draw weight you experience every time you pull back the string.

Field archery is the cross-country version of the sport, where competitors progress around a number of targets in a similar way to a golf tournament. Most archers use recurve bows, which generally come in three sections, the bottom or lower limb, top limb and the centre section known as the riser — all secured by bolts. A top recurve bow can cost £1,000.

Some archers shoot with a compound bow, known as a wheelie, which is smaller. With one pulley at the top and one at the bottom of the bow, the draw weight is considerably less. The Longbow Society perpetuates the use of the recreational longbow for target shooting and clout shooting where targets are on the ground some distance away.

One of the most famous archery families in the country is the Williamsons from Shropshire. Alison Williamson, 24, took up the sport at seven and will be the sole British archery lady at the Atlanta Olympics. At the Barcelona Olympics she finished seventh. She won a scholarship to read social work at Arizona State University because of her archery. Her best all-time score is 1,326 points out of a possible 1,440. World record for outdoor target archery for women is 1,377. parents have been shooting the bow for 30 years. She is administrator of the British junior training squad, he is the British junior team manager.

"There's no real secret to being a good archer. It's just a matter of how much you put into it," says Mrs Williamson, whose best figures are 1,173 out of 1,440.

- *Grand National Archery Society, 7th Street, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire CV8 2LG (01203 696631). British Longbow Society, 29 Batley Court, Oldland, Bristol BS15 5YZ (0117 9323276).*
- *Cost of equipment: recurve bow £50-£70, compound bow £150-£300, box of 8 arrows £25, arm guard £5-£7, quiver £10.*

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

On this hand the defence get a ruff in a slightly unusual way.

Dealer South **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠K65
♥843
♦K4
♣KQJ53

West:
♠J9873
♥A652
♦107
♣98

East:
♠Q2
♥7
♦AQJ9653
♣A42

South:
♠A104
♥KQJ109
♦82
♣1076

S	W	N	E
Pass	Pass	1 C	2 D
2 H	Pass	Pass(1)	3 D
Pass	Pass	3 H	All pass

Contract: Three Hearts by South. Lead: ten of diamonds

(1) As South was a passed hand, North can see there is unlikely to be a game.

West led the ten of diamonds against South's contract of Three Hearts. East won with the jack and cashed the ace. His choices seemed to be between switching to a spade and continuing with diamonds. The problem with switching to a spade was that even if his partner had, say, J10xxx in the suit, along with a heart honour, a trick could be set up but, assuming declarer played trumps as soon as he got in, West would not have an entry to cash it.

So East continued with a third diamond at trick three, hoping to promote a trump trick for his partner. In good, helpful style, he chose his lowest card in the suit, suggesting to his partner that he had a preference for clubs over spades. Declarer discarded a spade and the spotlight was now on West. He realised that his partner's three of diamonds could only be suggesting that he held the ace of clubs - he surely couldn't be void for that would leave declarer with a six-card suit. West therefore discarded the nine of clubs on this trick. When declarer played a trump, West won, played a club to his partner's ace and received a club ruff for one down.

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New ratings

According to Fide, the World Chess Federation, Garry Kasparov has regained his place at the head of the international rating list. The leading ten ratings are as follows: Kasparov 2781, Karpov 2770, Kramnik 2761, Ivanchuk 2744, Kamsky 2736, Anand 2725, Topalov 2718, Short 2684, Shirov 2683 and Sokolov 2675. The highest female slot is for Judith Polgar (also on 2675) and thus joint tenth overall.

Apart from Nigel Short the top British ratings are as follows: Michael Adams 2667, Jonathan Speelman 2618, John Nunn 2605, Tony Miles 2604, Matthew Sadler 2596 and Julian Hodgson 2593.

It is an indication of British strength and depth that seven of the top 70 players are from the UK and that the reigning British champion himself, Matthew Sadler, is preceded on the list by five other British grandmasters. Peter Leko, aged 16 the world's youngest grandmaster, is at slot 31 with a rating of 2627.

Brilliant win

Over the Easter Break Grandmaster Keith Arkell won the following fine counter-attacking game against the former British champion Julian Hodgson.

White: Julian Hodgson

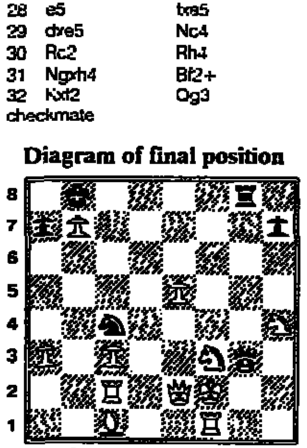
Black: Keith Arkell
Surrey Easter, April 1996

French Defence

1	d4	e6
2	e4	d5
3	e5	c5
4	c3	Nc6
5	Nf3	Qb6
6	a3	c4
7	Nbd2	Na5
8	h4	Bd7
9	h5	0-0-0
10	g3	f5
11	exf6	gxf6
12	Bh3	Bd6
13	0-0	e5
14	Bxd7+	Rxd7
15	Rb1	e4
16	Nh4	Ne7
17	b3	Qc7
18	bxc4	e3
19	fxe3	Bxg3
20	Ng2	Rg8
21	Qe2	Nec6
22	cxd5	Rdg7
23	Nf3	Qf7
24	dxc6	Qxh5
25	cxb7+	Kb8
26	Rb2	Qh3
27	e4	Rg4
28	e5	fxe5
29	dxe5	Nc4
30	Rc2	Rh4
31	Ngxh4	Bf2+
32	Kxf2	Qg3

checkmate

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ATTIC BIRD
a. The nightingale
b. The house sparrow
c. Ariana Stassinopoulos

RIBSTON PIPPIN
a. A steam engine
b. A Yorkshire terrier
c. An apple

GALLIGASKINS
a. Leather barrels of Madeira
b. Irish brigands
c. Breeches

RAGNAROK
a. A mythical northern rock
b. The Viking parliament
c. The end of the world

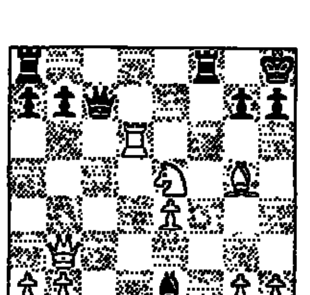
Answers on page 43

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to move. This week I continue my homage to the great attacking world champion Alexander Alekhine. This position is from the game Alekhine - Verlinsky, Odessa 1918. Although Alekhine is a piece ahead here, his opponent has set him some tricky problems. If he plays 1 Rxc7 Rf1 is mate, while both his rooks are threatened and the knight on e5 is also exposed (e.g. after 1 R6d1). How can White tidy up his scattered forces?

Solution on page 43



THE GREATEST CHANNEL FOUR TELEVISION THE TIMES

TUNE IN AND CHOOSE BRITAIN'S GREATEST SPORTS STAR

Tonight, Channel 4's *The Greatest* gives you another chance in the series to vote for the Greatest British sporting hero of them all. And your vote will count in more ways than one, because it could win you a pair of tickets to the European football championship or even the top prize of a trip to the Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson.

The main aim of the 12-part series is to bring some degree of scientific method to the comparisons so that a motor racing driver can be judged against a cricketer, a jockey against a footballer. You probably won't be able to put aside your prejudices completely - we all have our heroes, and our favourite sports - but *The Greatest* will open your mind to achievements and personalities you may not otherwise have considered worthy of greatness.

The cases for Jackie Stewart, Linford Christie, Bobby Moore, Torvill and Dean, Mary Rand, Ian Botham, Barry John, Nick Faldo, Steve Ovett and Bobby Charlton of the 20 shortlisted have been stated. Each week two contenders are examined and their relative merits discussed by the panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of *Total Sport*, and a guest celebrity (tonight it is John Francome). Chairing the debate is Gordon Kennedy. The final show will give the results and declare The Greatest. *The Greatest* is screened on Channel 4 on Mondays at 8.30pm and repeated on Saturdays at 10am. The sporting stars under examination tonight are Lester Piggott and Steven Redgrave. *Times* writers give their appreciations to help your judgments.

TONIGHT'S CONTENDERS

LESTER PIGGOTT

Sportsmen excel by their ability, dedication, temperament or longevity but a fusion of these qualities defines the model competitor. Outrageously blessed at birth, Lester Piggott defied his natural weight to impose a dominance in horse racing spanning five decades. He was that rare phenomenon: a child prodigy whose brilliance never waned. His was never a serene talent. Brashness characterised a youth that had little respect for his elders or the authorities. He rode on instinct and was ruthless to his core. Trainers would vilify him in public only to re-employ him within weeks. It was one thing to desert him, another to have him riding against you.

Piggott garnered a record nine Derbys by trusting his intuition. Confronted by a large choice of rides, he invariably made the right decision. Punters treasured Piggott's judgment, betting blindly on his mounts. He could cajole or bully, force the pace or come from behind. He was preoccupied only with getting the most from the horse under him.

An aura of mystery surrounded Piggott, which endorsed the public's perception of racing in general. He represented the human face of a largely unfathomable sport, and popularised it like none before. However, his arrogance with the Inland Revenue cost him a jail term and the withdrawal of his OBE. Now retired, he does not serve racing in an ambassadorial capacity. He remains an enigma.

STEVEN REDGRAVE

If the Olympic Games is the zenith of sporting excellence, no Briton has a better claim to be "The Greatest" than Steven Redgrave. He has already won rowing gold medals at three successive Games, a record no countryman can match. In Atlanta this summer, he is expected to join the elite band of competitors Al Oerter, the American discus thrower, Paul Elvstrom, the Danish yachtsman, and Aladar Gerevich, the Hungarian fencer who have won gold medals at four Games. Over the last 12 years, Redgrave has dominated a sport that may not be outstandingly popular in Britain but is still highly developed internationally and he has achieved these feats with a variety of partners in both fours and pairs.

A natural athlete, he would have excelled at many sports. However, because he was brought up in Marlow, by the Thames, rowing was a natural sport for someone of his size with long arms, body and legs. Redgrave has also invariably risen to the occasion, being able to cope with being the favourite in most of his competitions. If the pressure has been less intense externally than in more highly-publicised sports, Redgrave has always put extra pressure on himself. He expected to win and has shown a distinct sporting intelligence in ensuring that he has learnt from partners and advisers. Redgrave has done this with so little flamboyance that he has remained a person whose impact on the consciousness of the public has been less intense than it might have been.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

You will be asked to score each sports personality in each of five categories. Each category carries a maximum of 20 points, so the total scores you give are out of a maximum of 100. The categories are:

Achievement - for honours won and overall record

Dominance - for quality of opposition, longevity and domination of peers

Style - for performance, technique, sportsmanship and image

Fortitude - for coping with pressure, will to win, self control and sporting intelligence.

Impact - charisma and transcendence

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Each week, Channel 4 and *The Times* will each be giving away a pair of tickets to the European football championship, courtesy of Carlsberg, the official beer of Euro 96, to the person who manages to match the average scores for both of that week's profiled sports personalities. In the event of a tie, a draw will take place. Ten runners up will each win a signed copy of Daley Thompson's book accompanying the series, *The Greatest* (Boxtree, £14.99).

At the end of the series, all the weekly winners will have the chance to win the greatest prize of all - a trip to the Olympics with Daley Thompson.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR VOTE

By telephone: You can call *The Greatest* phoneline, on:
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Lines are open from 9pm until midnight tomorrow and from 10am on Saturday, when the show is repeated, until midnight on Sunday. Calls cost 39p cheap rate, 49p at other times.

By post: complete *The Times* entry form and send it to *The Greatest* Week 7, PO Box 1413, London N1 8HY to arrive by noon on Friday.

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LESTER PIGGOTT	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts
STEVEN REDGRAVE	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts	☐☐ pts

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Introducing a three-page report, **John Grigsby** looks at plans to stem the exodus from city centres

Battle to save the heart and soul of the city

The first world congress of city centre and downtown management which starts in Coventry today is an ambitious review of the problems affecting so many cities in the developed world.

More than 320 delegates, including city and business leaders from Israel, Belgium, Portugal, Egypt, Hungary, Senegal, Japan, Trinidad, Saudi Arabia, Canada and New Zealand, are attending. Michel Sudarskis, the Secretary-General of the International Urban Development Association, based in The Hague, hopes the congress will persuade governments and businesses to place emphasis on the town and city centres.

The flight of people and businesses from the city centre and ways to prevent it will be its theme, and the congress will open with a keynote speech by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

It is organised by the Association of Town Centre Management, the International Downtown Association and the International Urban Development Association, which will examine the problems shared by cities and towns from Philadelphia to Johannesburg and from Malmo in Sweden to British market towns such as Gravesend and Ayr.

Until recently, many European governments placed the emphasis on the periphery of their towns and cities. M Sudarskis says, however, that "a sustainable city will be sustainable only if it starts from its centre. You cannot have a sustainable urban policy based on its periphery or suburban areas." He believes that it is in the centre that experiments with partnerships between the public and private sectors should take place.

> 'The living and kicking part of the city is now in decline or is being deserted'

M Sudarskis says: "It is a matter of collective action and collective decisions by the business community, the people in the area and the local authority. Many city centres in Europe are facing acute problems: the decline of the economic basis of the centre, including an excess of office space against the traditional mix of activities. You can see it in Spain, in France, in the UK, in Italy and in Northern Europe. What was until the 1950s the core of the city, the living and kicking flamboyant part of the city, is in decline or is being deserted.

Coventry: host of the world conference

"There are a lot of common issues. What is different is the way in which countries address the problem. In the UK it started with national policy, regeneration grants and all the city challenge grants which have been put in place by the Department of the Environment. The solution, so far, has been some sort of a city-centre manager on top of the local administration, with the power to co-ordinate the input from different partners and different sectors.

"In the rest of the European Union, the emphasis is not so much on management as on a series of integrated measures by different players. They could be the town council, the private sector or individual initiative. In France and Italy town councils and chambers of commerce — which are stronger than in the UK — believe that by bringing back the proper mix of activities in terms of retailing, they will attract people back to the city centre."

Richard Bradley, the president of the International Downtown Association, does not believe that European centres are heading the same way as the derelict city centres of America. "But we face common threats and we are finding a strong arsenal to deal with them. We are realising that when we contemplate a 21st-century economy, information technology, the arts, tourism, entertainment and sports are emerging as powerful forces for regeneration, both to attract and keep people in the city."

For example, Kalamazoo, Michigan, has created about 2,000 jobs — an increase of more than 30 per cent — by regenerating its own centre. One successful scheme has turned a defunct department store into a children's museum. Disney has moved into Times Square, New York, and turned an area that was once home to drug addicts and derelicts into an entertainment complex.

The recent Monet exhibition is estimated to have brought $250 million worth of business to downtown Chicago, says Mr Bradley. Not every town in the developed world can afford even a single Monet, let alone a Disneyland, or one of the North American sports stadiums that are being built near the centre of towns without special parking — contrary to the pattern in the UK — to encourage people into the centre at night.

However, Mr Bradley says: "We do live in places where we have a sense of history and of the continuity of life, and this is concentrated in the centre."

Mr Gummer will argue that the British Government has acted to revitalise the centre by curbing the development of out-of-town shopping — although some argue that it issued its relevant planning policy guidance after the damage had been done. However, the lesson from other parts of the world is that government, central or local, can do only so much. Boots the Chemist, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury pioneered the idea of business involvement in town centre management in Britain; the Prudential and the National Westminster Bank are among a comparatively small number of large firms to follow their example. But, as this report suggests, if town centres are to survive, businesses of all sizes, particularly small businesses, must commit support and money.

ROBIN MAYES

Harrow's £40 million St George's shopping and leisure centre that opens tomorrow: it features a cinema and family entertainment complex

Success story just up your high street

How managed shopping centres are fighting falling takings and competition from out-of-town stores

Management schemes for town centres have enabled stores to ride out both the recession and the impact of out-of-town shopping, according to a survey commissioned by Boots the Chemist, one of the pioneer companies in town centre management.

Boots and Marks & Spencer store managers reported that trading conditions would have been much worse in more than two thirds of the managed towns if a scheme had not been in place.

The 22 high street retailers who took part in the survey found that sales in eight of the 14 managed centres performed "moderately" or "significantly" better than those in neighbouring towns with no management scheme, according to the report *What's Happening in Our Town Centres?*, by John Lockwood, a planner.

Stores in towns with an effective management scheme achieved 71 per cent higher takings than those in the other "control" towns. However, many schemes are hampered by a shortage of money and a low level of support from local businesses, Mr Lockwood says. Only three of the 17 towns in the survey that had town centre management schemes in place for at least two years had signed up half the local businesses. Many schemes have fewer than 20 per cent of local traders supporting them.

Chris Hollins, the town centre support manager for Boots, says: "This survey shows that stores and shops are likely to do better where businesses and the local council have got together to promote the town centre.

"We also believe that both the local councils and the businesses and their chambers of commerce could do more to promote town centre management. Many of the smaller businesses apparently do not see why they should contribute to a town centre management scheme when the firm next door is not paying its share. This leads us to the conclusion that there should be some form of centrally funded solution: possibly the movement towards business improvement districts with a levy towards improving the centre."

The survey is the most comprehensive of its kind ever carried out. Among those providing information were national chains such as Boots, Burton, Marks & Spencer, Sainsburys, WH Smith, Woolworths, Dixons, Dolcis, Millets, Miss Selfridge, Olympus, Superdrug and Tandy. Data from 323 stores in 46 towns was provided.

The centres that performed best gave priority to, or found no significant problems with, access and parking. However, a third of store managers reported that takings are being damaged by access problems, parking charges and controls.

Problems experienced by towns in the South East and to the north and west of London, where the percentage of stores not keeping pace with inflation ranged from 73 to 96 per cent, and where there is also the heaviest concentration of out-of-town and edge-of-town development, suggests, says Mr Lockwood, that the impact of out-of-town competition has been "underestimated".

Towns in Scotland, where out-of-town developments are less common, did much better than stores elsewhere in the UK. Two-thirds of Scottish stores recorded takings above the level of inflation and a third achieved takings 10 per cent or more above inflation. This may also reflect the higher disposable income in Scotland because of the low incidence of owner occupation.

Falkirk, where about 70 new businesses have been created bringing in about £42 million worth of private sector investment over the past three years, is one of the most successful managed towns. Coventry, in the East Midlands and the scene of today's conference, is another such city.

The Midlands has three: Wolverhampton, Derby and Nottingham. Other successful managed towns in the sample are Halifax, Horsham and Gravesend.

Other towns surveyed were Scotland: Dunfermline, Motherwell, Ayr (managed), Greenock and Irvine. Midlands: Walsall and Stone-on-Trent. Yorkshire/Lancashire: Bradford, Huddersfield, Rochdale (managed), Wigan, Burnley. South Wales/Severn Estuary: Bath, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Cardiff (managed), Swansea and Bristol. East Midlands: Northampton and Leicester. South Coast: Eastbourne (managed), Brighton and Folkestone. North & West of London: Reading (managed), Slough, Maidenhead, Hemel Hempstead (managed), St Albans and Luton. Southern: East Grinstead and Sevenoaks. M2 corridor: Gillingham, Chatham and Maidstone (managed).

● What's Happening in our Town Centres? Urban Management Initiatives *is available from The Poplars, Armitage Bridge, Huddersfield HD4 7PB, price £50.*

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Shape of things to come

David Rudnick looks at what top retailers are doing to attract shoppers back to town centres

Retail development is the key to regenerating town centres. Some edge-of-town and out-of-town schemes have left the centres in danger of dereliction, but recovery through improved town-centre management has begun, supported by retail chains such as Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer and Boots.

A nationwide survey, commissioned by Boots, shows that out-of-town and suburban development has sucked more trade from town centres in the South East than in any other region. Encouragingly, sales figures show high-street takings are healthier where town-centre management has operated. But most businesses remain uncommitted: many schemes attract less than 20 per cent support.

More funding is certainly needed. Boots, the founder-sponsor of the Association of Town Centre Management, is helping local authorities to finance the refurbishment of more than 70 centres. It is also sponsoring Centre Vision, a town-centre renewal programme run by the Civic Trust charity. This year's Boots-Civic Trust award for outstanding urban improvement has recently been given to Saltaire in West Yorkshire.

A dozen town centres have been tackled by Centre Vision, including a £175 million regeneration plan for Brixton, south London. At Eccles in Lancashire, a private/public-sector partnership between the Civic Trust, Land Securities, Salford council, the Government and local business — including retailers — has revived a town centre threatened by the prospect of the Trafford Centre opening near by. Retailers can apply for local authority grants to upgrade their premises.

The trust is also involved in revitalising Gillingham in Kent where, in response to customer pressure, short-stay car parking is being permitted in some former pedestrian-only areas. Other schemes are afoot in Huddersfield, Blackburn, Doncaster, Walsall and Falmouth.

Boots Properties has invested £40 million in the St George's shopping and leisure centre which opens in Harrow tomorrow. Boots and Woolworths will be the biggest retailers in the centre, which will feature a family entertainment complex, described as the first of its kind in the UK. A nine-screen multiplex cinema will be a further attraction.

Ian Coker, the manager of Harrow town centre, expects the new centre to attract many more shoppers. "A number of people who live in Harrow don't shop here as regularly as we would like," he says. "St George's offers an ideal opportunity to attract people, not just for shopping but also for the leisure facilities."

Boots has formed a triple alliance with Sainsbury's and Marks & Spencer to build support for town-centre regeneration. Sainsbury's is the more recent recruit, but already it participates in more than 100 town-centre management projects throughout the UK, says Huw Williams, town planning manager of Sainsbury's. "Some are pump-priming schemes matched by public-sector input," he adds. "But finance is not the only factor involved. As retailers, our key contribution lies in giving local authorities a commercial perspective, since we understand how our customers view town centre amenities."

Antony Rifkin, assistant head of the Civic Trust Regeneration Unit, broadens the point. "Local retailers are coming together to market and promote not only their stores but their town centre. They are not just leaving it to the local authority. Private sector can speak to private sector; they all appreciate the bottom line."

Marks & Spencer co-founded the Association of Town Centre Management (TCM) with Boots five years ago, when it began a "going to town" initiative to pursue TCM projects with local authorities and other retail partners. M&S commits £1 million annually to promote TCM, and it has seconded store managers to act as town centre managers in Bristol, Newcastle upon Tyne, Oxford and Liverpool.

Roger Aldridge, M&S's store development director, says: "The company remains firmly committed not only to maintaining but to developing its town-centre business."

He cites the example of Newcastle, where M&S is engaged in "the biggest city centre investment in its history, doubling the size of its local store, relocating a central street and building a new bus station for the city."

M&S collaborates with Boots and Sainsbury's in the Futuretown project, a pilot educational scheme to encourage schoolchildren to understand the issues facing their town centre. Catching them young is part of the strategy planned by the Town Centre Retail Group, which also includes Sears and WH Smith. Somerfield (formerly Gateway) is also joining in.

Meanwhile, Tesco is opening Metro stores, described by Mr Rifkin as smaller-scale supermarket branches, to meet the needs of city-centre office workers shopping during their lunchbreak or after office hours. This is a potentially important niche market.

He is optimistic that PPG6 and PPG13, the Government planning constraints, will soon be hampering further development of out-of-town sites. "Both stress a renewed focus on town centres for retailing," he explains. "So both are a direct — if belated — fillip from the Government."

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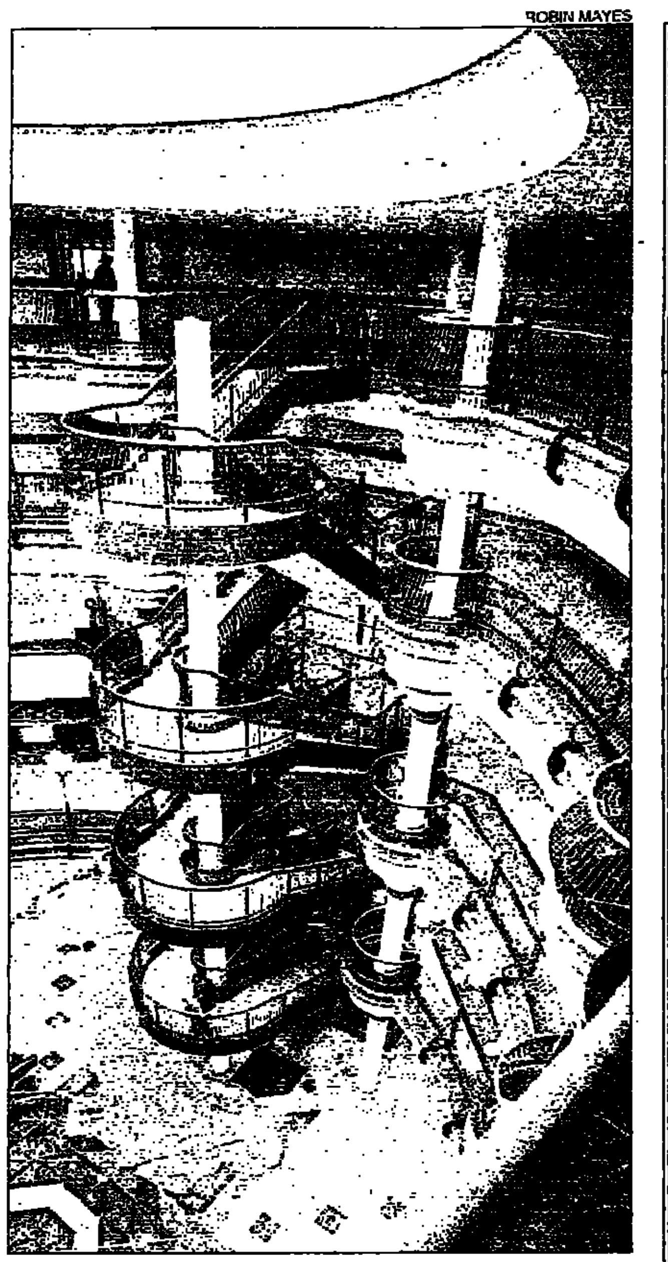

Classical style: inside the new Harrow shopping centre

Attack is best line of defence

How 200 towns and cities are enlisting support to survive

The concept of town centre management has come a long way since the London borough of Redbridge appointed the first manager in 1987 to counter the threat to Ilford from the Lakeside shopping centre at Thurrock. *John Grigsby writes.*

There are now 150 town centre managers and 200 towns and cities have some form of management. Ilford remains buoyant. Coventry, Gravesend, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Nottingham and Newcastle are among those which have successfully beaten back the challenge of the recession and new patterns of shopping.

Alan Tallentire, the businessman who is chairman of the Association of Town Centre Management, says: "Many of these schemes have been brought in as a defence mechanism. But the best form of defence is attack and many schemes quickly become proactive."

Tallentire: sees a way forward

Town centre landlords are often criticised for looking only at rents rather than the health of the centre. But Graham Rolph, the director for property investment, Prudential Assurance, which owns 20 town centre complexes, is an enthusiastic supporter. "The initiative is often taken when one comes to refurbish a shopping centre," he says. "It's a defensive measure, quite often, and it takes a number of years up to the next rent review before you can actually see the result in financial terms."

The NatWest Group has taken a keen interest in the future of the town centre. Peter Armstrong, who heads the group's property portfolio, says: "We want to conserve and protect our businesses and our customers' businesses in the high street and we see town centre management as the way to do this."

NatWest has also supported the Government's "homes over the shop" campaign and converted 100 properties in town centres into flats. Some are the traditional bank manager's flat above the branch; others, as in Nottingham, are redundant offices.

Jonathan Baldock, associate with Hillier Parker, the property consultancy, says that the improvements most shoppers want are more and better shops. Councils and others involved in the town centre should change investors' and customers' perceptions of the town by effective marketing. "The aim is to attract more customers simultaneously with investment in new town centre attractions."

But the Association of District Councils claims that present funding methods are inadequate. Mr Tallentire sees a way forward on the congress's doorstep in Coventry, where the council has placed the £1.3 million it spends on city centre maintenance and security in a private company to look after the commercial heart. It can thus raise money from the private sector to create a formal partnership in which council nominees have two of the 11 places on the board.

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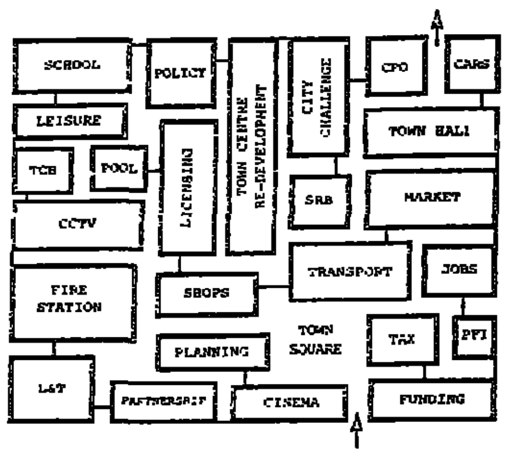

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Nicky Willmore reports on US-style 'downtown management'

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Spring flowers on Greyfriars Green, Coventry, where a new town centre company has been formed

Coventry declares war on its city decline

The radical rebirth of Coventry city centre after its devastation during the Second World War came to symbolise the hopes and confidence of postwar Britain.

Bolstered by the growth of the car and manufacturing industries, the city developed a new cathedral, inner ring road and one of the country's first pedestrianised shopping precincts. Today, however, many of the jobs have gone and the showpiece town centre has been fighting its own decline.

Coventry council has now come up with another plan for the city centre, which it hopes will restore some of that lost confidence and prove as radical as the first. It has turned to America and the example of "downtown management" for inspiration. Under that type of management, responsibility for the town centre is vested in a joint public/private sector company which has its own revenue-raising powers.

In the American example, uniformed guards patrol the streets under contract to the privatised town centre company. They are helped by a network of customer-service representatives with two-way radios. The company buys in services such as extra lighting, security cameras and street-cleaning teams. Even public assets such as council car parks are transferred to the company.

To some, this amounts to the effective privatisation of security services, including street-cleaning and transport policies. It also suggests the loss of the heart of community to democratic control. How far, then, is an English local authority in a traditional Labour heartland prepared to go?

Coventry has now taken the plunge and formed its own non profit-making town centre company. Company directors are being appointed, from local retailers — including household names such as Boots and Marks & Spencer — as well as institutional property owners, banks, the leisure industry and the council itself.

The company's remit will be to improve the centre's vitality and commercial viability, fighting off competition from other town centres in the area and from out-of-town developments such as hypermarkets and shopping villages.

"The lesson to be learnt from the American experience is that this sharing of ownership and responsibility for the city centre is a key to success," says Tony Vincent, the head of city centre development at Coventry City Council.

At the core of the new company's tasks will be marketing, to attract new businesses, visitors and finance. With the help of £1 million of funding over three years from a European Commission urban pilot-projects scheme, the company will set up a business advice service for smaller companies to bring variety to the area. It will also take over, and augment, the council's existing budget for cleaning and maintenance.

Coventry is adamant that its proposal does not amount to privatisation or loss of democratic control. Mr Vincent says: "In taking this route, the local authority is very conscious of its role of protecting the city centre on behalf of the citizens of Coventry."

The transfer of assets such as car parks from council control has been ruled out, although the company would be able to influence levels of charging. Contracts for street work such as cleaning and lighting would have to comply with minimum standards laid down by the local authority.

Most important, the council and the partnership company will have to devise a series of performance measurements to assess progress. These are likely to include pedestrian counts, data on car-park and public-transport use, business data from retailers, crime statistics, the number of vacant premises and rental values of commercial properties.

A question mark still hangs over the financial stability of the company. British companies have made clear their opposition to the American approach of requiring direct local contributions by means of an extra tax associated with rateable values. The money needed can be huge; Philadelphia, for example, has an annual budget of $6.4 million (about £4.25 million).

Coventry hopes to win business over on the basis of the company's performance over the first three EU-funded years. It also believes that the existence of the partnership company will operate as a magnet for drawing private finance and give the edge to its bids for regeneration funding.

Mr Vincent says: "Town centre management is increasingly being seen as a business. You can't run a business on the basis that your resources come from begging." It is not only other councils that are watching Coventry's progress. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, has already lent much support to the relatively new discipline of town centre management.

Mr Gummer's department is part-funding a research project on the potential of the American model for the British suburban town. It is not inconceivable that some of the legislative barriers to raising extra revenue from local companies could be removed before Coventry has to resort to the begging bowl.

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Today more than half of Sainsbury's 363 supermarkets are to be found within, or close to, the town centres. As an innovative food retailer, Sainsbury's has continued to lead the way in responding to the changing needs of the consumer - from the advent of self-service shopping to free parking and facilities for the disabled.

Sainsbury's Horsham store, winner in 1995 of the DOE / Civic Trust Centre Vision Award

Having been part of the traditional British high street for 126 years, Sainsbury's is embracing the opportunities, which town centre management presents, to improve local trading environments and build upon the links it has made in communities nationwide.

Sainsbury's believes that town centres are as important today as they have always been and in view of this the company has committed £400,000 to some 110 town centre management projects.

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Being the centre of attraction

High streets are improving their facilities to fight out-of-town rivals, says **David Rudnick**

If people are not to vote with their wheels and desert town centres, a shopping trip to town must be every bit as safe and convenient as one to a suburban or out-of-town centre. To lure shoppers and retailers back to the high street, town centre managers are devising a mix of strategies ranging from improved urban landscaping and leisure activities to better pedestrianisation.

Inevitably, priorities vary greatly from town to town. But easing traffic congestion and improving shoppers' access seem to be common themes. York and Oxford, for example, operate comprehensive park-and-ride schemes which have appreciably reduced the pollution and congestion clogging their historic centres.

Manchester is pioneering a street-level light railway as a solution. Unfortunately, this environmentally friendly form of public transport is costly to develop and, although 60 other towns are said to have commissioned feasibility studies, few are likely to come to fruition.

For visitors opting to drive into town centres, clear signposting is essential, especially to car parks. Forcing motorists to cruise endlessly in search of spaces will ensure that their first visit is also their last. More parking space is needed. Hillier Parker estimates that on average there are only 3.6 parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft in town centres, compared with 7.4 in out-of-town centres.

Traders welcome pedestrian zones

Once he or she has parked, however, the motorist becomes a pedestrian, with interests that conflict with the car. Pedestrianisation — banning traffic either partially or totally from the centre — is one increasingly favoured solution. Peter Fieldhouse, Reading's town centre manager, says: "Pedestrian zones are often welcomed locally both by traders and the public, as they offer a pleasing contrast to the conventional urban high street landscape." From a practical standpoint, pedestrian safety is enhanced, and so is convenience to disabled people and pram-pushers, who are freed from awkward kerbs and crossings.

Pedestrianisation can be visually stunning; look at prize-winning Horsham in West Sussex. But there are drawbacks; pedestrianisation can make commercial deliveries difficult. And many shoppers and retailers feel more secure with traffic about, especially after dark. Mr Fieldhouse points to evidence, particularly from America, that "too much pedestrianisation can cause dead zones that become no-go areas in the evening".

Tony Vincent, Coventry's city centre manager, accepts that fear of crime gives many town centres an image problem. Coventry has tackled it vigorously. A ban on alcohol consumption in central public areas, though initially controversial, has cracked the problem of drink-related disorder. Improved lighting (especially in pedestrian subways), closed-circuit television and a radio link between stores and the centre's management office have dramatically reduced vandalism and other forms of crime.

Tasteful appearance also counts in marketing an urban centre. John Lockwood, director of the Calderdale Inheritance Project in West Yorkshire, says that modern, purpose-designed shopping malls are establishing new environmental standards that traditional city centres ignore at their peril. He adds: "The bright aluminium and plastic of the 1960s and 1970s have given way to a new ambience which exudes elegance and threatens to redirect custom permanently away from town centres."

Mr Lockwood believes the main argument for upgrading a town centre's appearance is economic rather than environmental. Cleaning and refurbishing fine historic civic buildings (as in Halifax) is a worthwhile investment that will repay itself handsomely in attracting investors and customers, enhancing retail turnover and profits. "Civic pride runs deep," Mr Lockwood says. "Transform an ugly or rundown centre into one that people can be proud of, and you mine a rich vein of public interest."

The process is well under way, but traditional town centres remain an endangered species in the view of Paul Davies, who heads the Civic Trust Regeneration Unit, an economic development consultancy. "There is more at stake here than shopping," he says. "Markets, banks, cinemas, clubs, pubs and restaurants all feed off each other to provide a healthy, balanced town centre."

The intrinsic social and cultural attractions of town centres, professionally managed, can see off competition from out-of-town shopping complexes. But an effective town centre management team needs a whole range of qualifications including commercial insight, understanding of the needs of retailing, a grasp of traffic management and streetwise experience.

Roger Williams, Oxfordshire County Council's transport planner, shows the way with an electric bus and bicycle

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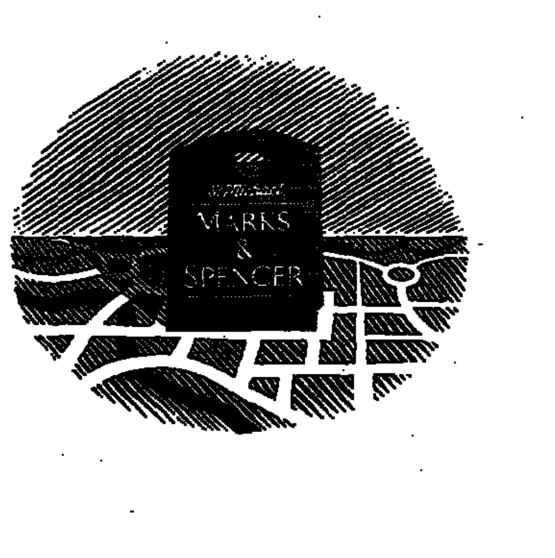

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Law Report April 22 1996 Queen's Bench Division

Misfeasance in public office

Three Rivers District Council and Others v Bank of England

Before Mr Justice Clarke

[Judgment April 1]

A plaintiff had a sufficient interest to maintain an action of misfeasance in public office at common law where it was established (i) that the defendant was a public officer who intended to injure him and knew he had no power to do what he did and that the plaintiff would probably suffer loss and (ii) that the plaintiff had suffered loss as a result of the wrongful act.

Mr Justice Clarke so stated on a preliminary issue in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division.

The plaintiffs, Three Rivers District Council and others, were certain named depositors in Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA (in liquidation). BCCI was named as plaintiff as the assignee of the claims of the plaintiff depositors against the Bank of England.

Three questions arose: (i) was the defendant capable of being liable to the plaintiffs for the tort of misfeasance in public office; (ii) were the plaintiffs' alleged losses capable of being caused in law by the acts or omissions of the defendant; (iii) were the plaintiffs entitled to recover for the tort of misfeasance in public office as existing depositors or potential depositors?

Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Mr David Vaughan, QC, Mr Dominic Dowley and Mr Robin Dicker for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Stadlen, QC, Mr Paul Lasok, QC, Mr Michael Phillips, Mr Bankim Thanki and Mr Rhodri Thompson for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE CLARK was referred to a number of authorities in considering the scope of the tort of misfeasance in public office. On the requisite mental element see *Bourgoin SA v Ministry of Agriculture* ([1986] 1 QB 716).

That decision was not binding authority for the proposition that the tort might not be committed where the plaintiff could not prove that the public officer concerned knew his act was unlawful and that it would cause damage to the plaintiff. There were other lesser tests, although there was nothing in *Bourgoin* which suggested they were sufficient or might be. Assistance came from *Jones v Swansea City Council* ([1990] 1 WLR 54, 71) which recognised there were two alternative ingredients or limbs to the tort, either an intent to injure another or knowledge of acting ultra vires, and *Northern Territory v Mengel* ((1995) 64 ALJR 527) which contained the most detailed discussion of the second limb.

His Lordship drew the following conclusions:

1 The tort of misfeasance in public office was concerned with a deliberate and dishonest wrongful abuse of the powers given to a public officer. It was not to be equated with torts based on an intention to injure, although, as suggested by the majority in *Northern Territory v Mengel* it had some similarities to them.

2 Malice in the sense of an intention to injure the plaintiff or a person in class of which the plaintiff was a member, and knowledge by the officer both that he had no power to do the act complained of and that the act would probably injure the plaintiff was a member were alternative, not cumulative, ingredients of the tort. To act with such knowledge was to act in a sufficient sense maliciously: see *Northern Territory v Mengel* (at p554).

3 For the purposes of the requirement that the officer knew that he had no power to do the act complained of, it was sufficient that the officer had actual knowledge that the act was unlawful or, in circumstances in which he believed or suspected that the act was beyond his powers, that he did not ascertain whether or not that was so or failed to take such steps as would be taken by an honest and reasonable man to ascertain the true position.

4 For the purposes of the requirement that the officer knew that his act would probably injure the plaintiff or a person in a class of which the plaintiff was a member, it was sufficient if the officer had actual knowledge that his act would probably damage the plaintiff or such a person or, in circumstances in which he believed or suspected that his act would probably damage the plaintiff or such a person, if he did not ascertain whether that was so or not or if he failed to make such inquiries as an honest and reasonable man would make as to the probability of such damage.

5 If the states of mind in 3 and 4 above did not amount to actual knowledge, they amounted to recklessness which was sufficient to support liability under the second limb of the tort. Those propositions were capable of applying to omissions as well as to acts on the part of the public officer, although a careful scrutiny of each omission would be required.

It was to be noted that in propositions 2 and 4 above, his Lordship had described the relevant knowledge as either actual knowledge that the act would probably cause damage, not that it would necessarily or inevitably do so, or as turning a blind eye to the probability of such damage, not to its necessity or inevitability.

His Lordship had also described the knowledge as knowledge that the act would probably cause damage to the plaintiff or to a person in a class of which the plaintiff was a member. That rejected the defendant's submission that only knowledge that the plaintiff would inevitably suffer damage was sufficient.

Such a requirement would be necessary if it was a tort depending upon intention to injure the plaintiff or aiming at the plaintiff. However, once it was accepted that there were two alternative limbs of the tort and, as it seemed to his Lordship the cases suggested, the necessity for such a requirement no longer existed, it would unnecessarily restrict the tort.

The purpose of the tort was to give compensation to those who had suffered loss as a result of improper abuse of power. That being so, knowledge that the relevant person would probably suffer damage was surely sufficient; equally if the relevant person was not the plaintiff himself, but a person within a class of which the plaintiff was one.

6 Where a plaintiff established (i) that the defendant intended to injure the plaintiff or a person in a class of which the plaintiff was a member (limb one) or that the defendant knew that he had no power to do what he did and that the plaintiff or a person in a class of which the plaintiff was a member would probably suffer loss or damage (limb two) and (ii) that the plaintiff had suffered loss as a result, the plaintiff had a sufficient right or interest to maintain an action of misfeasance in public office at common law.

In the present case his Lordship provisionally concluded that the answer to questions (i) and (ii) was no, while in principle the answer to question (iii) was yes.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Freshfields.

Statutory nuisance compensation

Regina v Liverpool Crown Court, Ex parte Cooke

Before Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir Iain Glidewell

[Judgment April 3]

Compensation for statutory nuisance could be made only in relation to the date of the period of the existence of the nuisance indicated in the summons.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing the application of Jacqueline Anne Cooke for judicial review of the decision of Judge Hamilton and two lay justices at Liverpool Crown Court on March 31, 1995 on an appeal by Liverpool City Council, after its conviction at Liverpool Magistrates' Court for statutory nuisance, to vary a compensation order from £3,000 to £250.

The applicant gave the council statutory notice in accordance with section 82(6) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 of the existence of a nuisance, as defined by section 79(1)(a) and (e), which derived from defects in her house which the council owned. The council failed to comply and a summons was issued on November 17, 1994.

Mr John Howell, QC and Mr Ranjit Bhose for Liverpool City Council; Mr Timothy King, QC and Mr Ivan Wolfenden for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that Judge Hamilton had said that the summons was issued on November 17, 1994 and only alleged that the statutory nuisance existed on that date; all counsel accepted that a magistrates court could issue a summons relating to matters no more than six months earlier and the summons could have alleged that the nuisance had existed from May 17 but it did not.

The applicant submitted that it would be absurd if magistrates dealing with a complaint of statutory nuisance were not entitled to consider the whole of the period for which it had existed.

His Lordship found that there was no warrant for construing section 82 so as to entitle the court to take account of the whole period for which the nuisance was alleged to have existed.

The complaint in the present case gave no notice to the person responsible of the length of the period for which the nuisance was alleged to have existed. While incidentally relying on an inspection report of November 3, 1994, it alleged the existence of a statutory nuisance on November 17, 1994.

The offence from which might have resulted loss, injury or damage capable of being the subject of a compensation order was the statutory nuisance complained of in so far as it existed at the date of the hearing and had existed since the date specified in the complaint, provided that date was not before whichever was the later of (a) the date when the statutory notice expired and (b) a date not more than six months before the complaint was made.

Only by instituting proceedings could a complainant put the person responsible at risk of having a compensation order made against him. The statutory notice was not significant except in so far as the date of its expiry was the date before which no summons could be issued.

Sir Iain Glidewell delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr Paul F. Taylor, Liverpool; Mr Andrew H. James, Liverpool.

Scots Law Report April 22 1996 Inner House

Keep open clause is enforceable

Retail Parks Investments Ltd v Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Before Lord McCluskey, Lord Kirkwood, and Lord Cullen

[Judgment March 8]

A court order requiring a bank to use and occupy certain premises as bank offices, and to keep them open for business as bank offices during all normal business hours until a particular date was sufficiently precise and specific for the bank's landlords to be entitled to a decree in those terms.

An Extra Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, allowing a reclaiming motion by Retail Parks Investments Ltd against an interlocutor of the Lord Ordinary (*The Times* July 18, 1995) assoilzing the Royal Bank of Scotland from a conclusion for specific implement in an action brought against the bank by the reclaimers, and pronouncing an interlocutor ordaining the bank to use and occupy the premises in issue as bank offices and to keep the premises open for business as bank offices during all normal business hours until August 17, 2002, or until the lease in their favour was irritated or otherwise lawfully terminated or assigned.

Mr Roy Martin, QC and Mr Jonathan Lake for the pursuers and reclaimers; Mr William Nimmo Smith, QC and Mr Eric Robertson for the defenders and respondents.

LORD McCLUSKEY said that between September 1979 and March 1995 the respondents had occupied premises in a shopping centre leased to them and used by them as a bank branch. In March 1995 they had intimated to their landlords, the reclaimers, that while the respondents accepted that they remained tenants under the lease and were liable for the rent, they did not propose to continue to occupy and use the premises.

The lease provided: "The premises are let for use as bank offices and for no other purpose whatever unless with the consent in writing of the landlords. The tenants shall take possession of and use and occupy the premises for the foregoing purpose(s) ... from the date of entry ... and shall thereafter continue to use and occupy the same for the said purpose(s) and during all normal business hours shall keep the premises open for business throughout the whole period of this lease."

There had been a wide ranging debate, but the parties were agreed as to the material facts. It was also common ground that the lease was binding on the parties: that the so-called "keep open" clause was neither void from uncertainty nor difficult to understand: that what the respondents proposed to do would admittedly put them in breach of their contractual obligation and give the reclaimers a right to reparation: that the court could competently grant a decree ad factum praestandum in respect of an obligation, provided there was a relevant case and an appropriately worded, sufficiently precise and enforceable decree could be devised; that the respondents did not invite the court to decline to frame such a decree upon the basis of the exercise in their favour of a discretion such as might sometimes be exercised by the court where specific implement was sought; and that the respondents were not pleading that an order in the the terms sought would compel them to do something so ill-defined and imprecisely specified that they would not be able to know what their obligation was or exactly what they had to do or refrain from doing.

The respondents had not attacked the Lord Ordinary's decision to reject their argument that the provision of two cash machines amounted to sufficient compliance with the keep open clause, but they reserved their position in that respect in relation to any other proceedings.

His Lordship observed that at common law, failure to implement a decree ad factum praestandum exposed the defender to the penalty of imprisonment, or other penal consequences: *Middleton v Leslie* ((1892) 19 R 801, 802) per Lord President Robertson.

The case law ante-dating the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) 1940 Act illustrated the general rule that the citizen should not be exposed to such consequences unless for a clear breach of an obligation which had been previously made known to him in terms that left him in no doubt as to what it was that had to be done or avoided.

The provision of a procedure for application for imprisonment or other sanctions in the 1940 Act had not altered that. Imprisonment was not a sanction that could be employed against a corporate body either at common law or under the 1940 Act

A breach of a court order was itself a serious matter for a corporate defender, independently of the possible penalties. The requirement for precision in the decree was therefore the same: see *Munrow v Liquidator of Balnagown Estates Co* (1949 SC 49); *Fleming and Ferguson v Paisley Magistrates* (1948 SC 547).

The following general statements of the legal considerations to be kept in mind when assessing the relevancy of a plea for such a decree could be formulated:

1 No decree would be pronounced by the court to enforce an obligation said to be contained in a contract if the material wording of the contract itself left uncertain what the debtor in that supposed obligation had to achieve in order to fulfil the obligation. However, the mere fact that the relevant wording did make it sufficiently clear what the debtor had to do was not necessarily of itself sufficient to entitle the creditor to obtain the decree.

2 The fact that the court had pronounced a decree to compel specific implement ad interim did not prevent the court from concluding at a later stage that such an order could not properly be pronounced on a permanent basis. However, the history of the defenders' compliance with the order during the interim period might assist the court in reaching a view as to the sufficiency of its precision and specification.

3 It was not fatal to the obtaining of such an order that a number of distinct acts might have to be performed in order to secure compliance; nor was it fatal that the order was likely to remain effective against the defenders over a period of years. However, the more numerous the acts desiderated or likely to be required and the longer the period of time during which it was envisaged that the order would remain effective, the more necessary it would be to find terms for the order that would satisfy the need for adequate precision.

4 An order might specify the end to be achieved but leave open the precise means whereby the defender was to achieve that end.

5 In considering the precision that was necessary, the court should consider the commercial realities which formed the background to the undertaking of the parties' mutual obligations.

6 The possible difficulties for the debtor in the obligation in knowing what was required of him should be considered against the background of the enforcement procedures; for an allegation of a breach would have to be made by petition and complaint in which the court would have to determine whether a breach had occurred and whether the defenders had acted in wilful disobedience, whereafter the court could give them a further opportunity to comply in the light of the court's pronouncement that the order had been breached by their previous acts and omissions.

Those procedures diminished the risk of punishment for breach of an order that lacked precision and meant that there should be no insuperable difficulty in policing compliance.

The obiter remarks of their Lordships in *Grosvenor Developments (Scotland) plc v Argyll Stores Ltd* (1987 SLT 738), had not broken new ground but had simply involved the application of the usual and familiar tests to the terms of the lease that had been at issue and of the order that had been sought. In any event, some of the possible difficulties considered in *Grosvenor* might have been answered after a proof.

In the present case, the facts had been established. The period of the order was a mere seven years. The relevant terms of the lease had been chosen by large commercial organisations, acting with legal advice.

The defenders had for nearly twenty years used and occupied the premises as bank offices without their use or occupation having given rise to any apparent difficulty or misunderstanding. On the face of it there was no reason why that use and occupation should not have continued for the remaining years of the lease.

The defenders' intention to cease that use and occupation did not arise from some uncertainty or lack of comprehension as to what their contractual duties were. It arose from a commercially inspired decision to transfer the business to new offices five hundred yards away.

If the court were to make an order in the same terms as the contractual clause they would know that they would be in breach of the order if they carried out their proposal. It might be that they would at some time want to consider some changes to the regime that had obtained prior to March, 1995, and still did, and they might then face some difficulties in knowing exactly what they might or might not do to avoid a breach of the order.

That might be: but the court had no duty to advise large commercial undertakings as to how close to the wind they could sail in order to avoid a breach of an undertaking that they had freely entered into with legal advice in a probative lease.

Adopting what Lord Justice Lawton had said in *Maxwell v Department of Trade and Industry* ([1974] 1 QB 523), one did not have to be able to define a breach in advance in order to be able to be confident of recognising it when it appeared.

Finally, the question of what "normal business hours" meant was a question of fact and, in the light of such evidence as might be adduced in any proceedings for breach, the court should have no difficulty in determining whether or not the defenders' opening hours were in line with that requirement.

The difficulties urged upon their Lordships could too easily be exaggerated. In his Lordship's opinion the order sought passed the tests of precision and specification derived from the authorities.

Lord Kirkwood and Lord Cullen delivered concurring opinions.

Law agents: Maclay Murray & Spens; Dundas & Wilson, CS.

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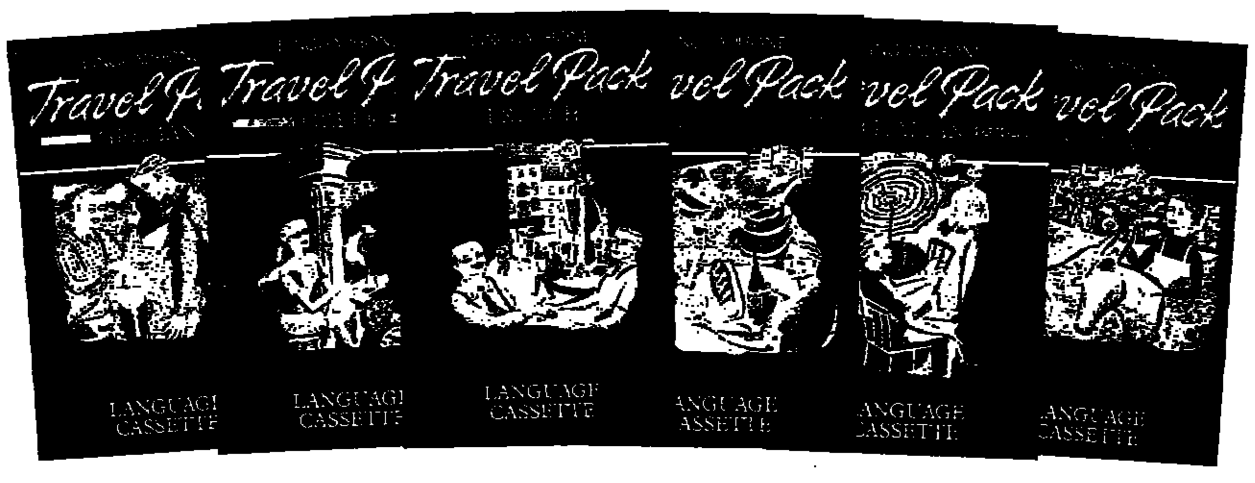

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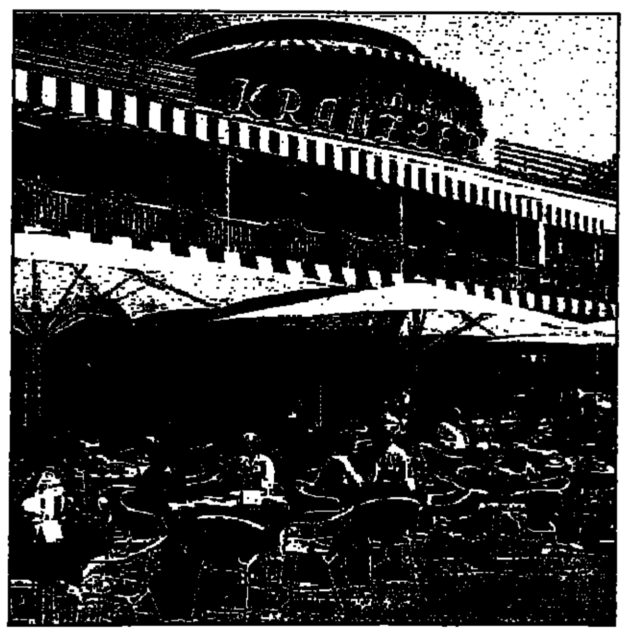

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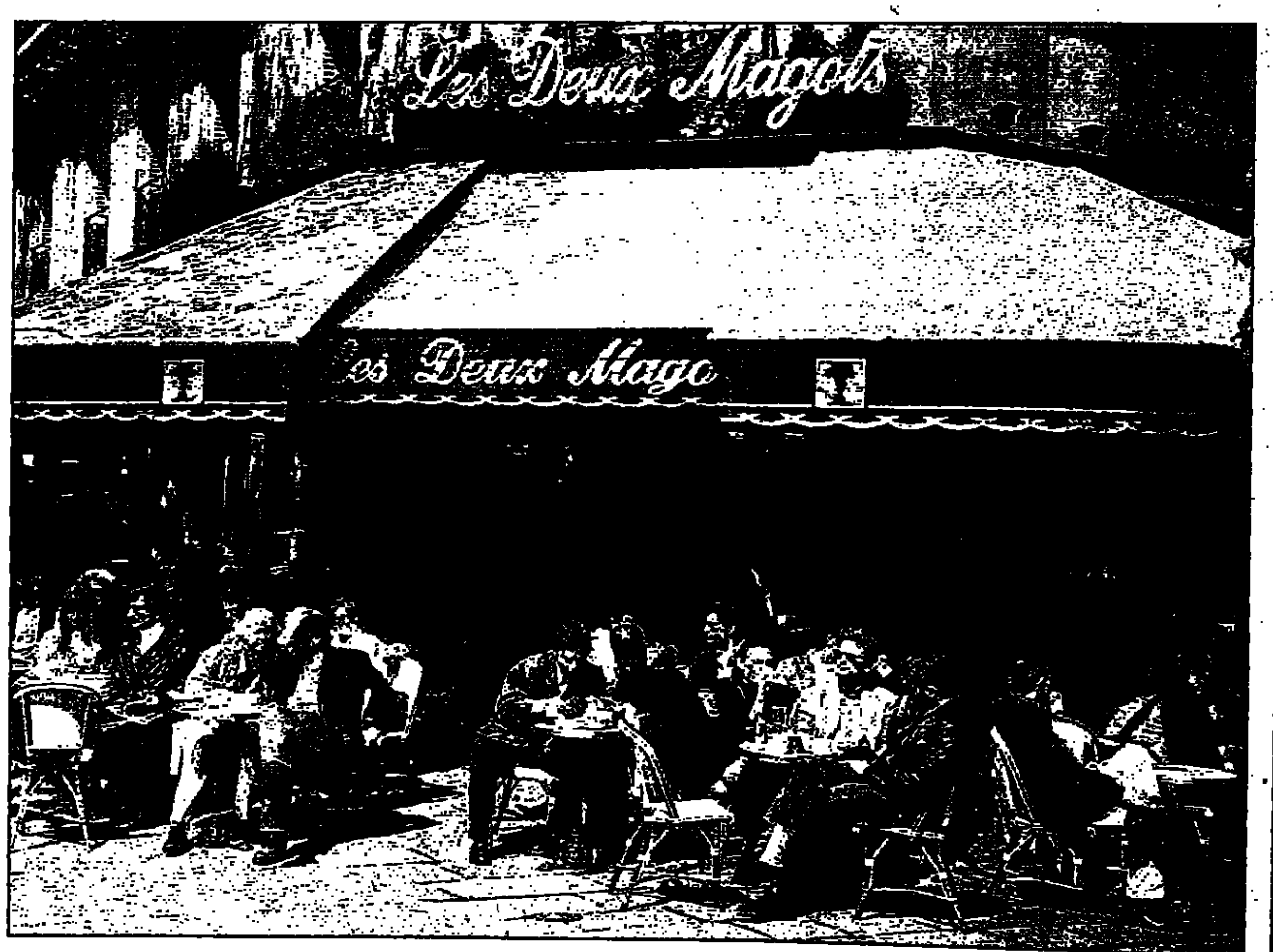

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Associated British Foods, Cash Converters International, Lowland Investment Trust, Kleinwort Second Endowment Policy Trust. **Finals:** Bisichi Mining, James Crean, EIS Group, Eurotunnel, Premier Farnell, Geared Income Investment, Kleinwort Endowment Policy, London & Associated Properties, Reed Executive, Ronson.

Economic statistics: UK March provisional M4 money supply, UK March building societies net new mortgages.

TOMORROW

Interims: Cosalt, Dickie (James), McCarthy & Stone, Mercury Keystone Investment Trust, St Ives. **Finals:** Broadstoner Holdings, Hughes (TJ), Huntleigh Technology, Ibstock, Retail Corporation, Sears, Shorco Group.

Economic statistics: UK April CBI Industrial Trends Survey , US February trade balance, US March import/export price index, US Johnson redbook sales.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: none scheduled. **Finals:** Bank of Scotland (gov & co), Bentalls, Dencora, English National Investments, Essex Furniture, Henderson Highland Trust, S&U.

Economic statistics: US March durable goods orders, French February industrial prodution , French final (Q4) GDP.

THURSDAY

Interims: DFS Furniture, ICI (Q1). **Finals:** Austin Reed, David Brown Group, Etam, Ferraris Group, Folkes Group, International Energy Group, Linton Ppark, Ramco Energy, Rhino Group, Scottish Mmortgage & Trust.

Economic statistics: UK Mar retail sales, UK March new vehicle registrations, US Weekly jobless claims, US March existing home sales.

FRIDAY

Interims: Alida Holdings, Ashbourne, Majedie Investment, Wigmore Property Investment Trust. **Finals:** Abtrust European Index Investment Trust, Abtrust New Thai Investment Trust, Anagen, Biocompatibles International, Joseph Holt, Radiotrust.

Economic statistics: US April Michigan consumer sentiment, French February trade balance.

COMPANIES

MICHAEL CLARK

Eurotunnel loss likely to hit £900m

EUROTUNNEL: The heavily-indebted cross-Channel operator will report financial figures for the first full year of operation today. The company is expected to have been cash-positive before depreciation and interest charges, but these will have dragged the pre-tax loss back to just short of £900 million.

ASSOCIATED BRITISH FOODS: Concern over the impact of mad cow disease and the proposed slaughter of herds on its animal feeds business is likely to be pushed into the background when the group unveils half-year figures this morning. Brokers take the view that the strength of the group's balance sheet and a stronger performance in its food manufacturing operations should offset any negative news on the feed front.

Profit estimates for the first six months run from £180 million to £187 million against £165 million for the corresponding period. Packaging and raw material cost inflation has peaked and recent price rises have held enabling the group to lift margins. This should also help to take some of the pressure off British Sugar which has been the main profit generator during a difficult period for the rest of the group. Burtons and Twinings are expected to show an improvement but Ryvita may prove to be a dull spot. The group should also enjoy an improved return on its £600 million cash pile supported by a strong gilt market.

A long year: Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, gives first full-time figures today

PREMIER FARNELL: There are likely to be few surprises when the group, which up until last week was known as Farnell Electronics, unveils full-year figures today. The group has already forecast pre-tax profits of £75 million on the back of its recent £1.8 billion acquisition of the much bigger US Premier Industrial Corporation earlier this year. Last year Farnell made profits of £62 million.

Brokers will want to glean how well the integration of Premier is going and what the likely costs savings will be. But Howard Poulson, chief executive, has already made it clear to them that he has no intention of talking about Premier. Instead he wants to concentrate on Farnell's performance during the course of the past year.

His attitude is not surprising when taking into account the open hostility the Premier deal was greeted with when it was first announced in January, with the likes of Edinburgh's Standard Life standing out against the deal which was financed by a nine-for-19 rights issue at 540p.

All this hostility took its toll on the Farnell share price which, at one stage, touched a low point of 610p. Only in recent weeks has it made up lost ground closing on Friday at 717p. Richard Dyett, with Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, says Farnell's figures are likely to reflect a much improved performance from its catalogue distribution business selling small quantities of items from a large range. In the past couple of years Farnell has struggled to improve margins in this part of the business and the benefits are just starting to filter through.

ICI: In February, the group told shareholders it was looking for a similar performance in the first quarter as that achieved last year. But UBS, the broker, is looking for a 5 per cent downturn to £210 million when figures are unveiled on Thursday. Stronger performances are anticipated from from paints, materials and explosives. But the expected weakness will come from a slow start to the year by industrial chemicals which was the star performer during the first half of 1995.

BANK OF SCOTLAND: At first sight full-year figures on Wednesday should make impressive reading with pre-tax profits set to climb 22 per cent to £550 million. But profits totalling almost £60 million from disposals are expected to provide much of the improvement with a further £12 million quarterly contribution from Bank West also swelling the total. The rest of the gain can be attributed to a drop in bad debt provisions from £215 million to £163 million. On the trading front, margins on the mortgage book are continuing to narrow while costs rise. NatWest Securities, the broker, says the group's capital ratios are among the weakest in the sector.

SEARS: There is unlikely to be much for shareholders to cheer when the group unveils full-year figures tomorrow. It is likely to follow on in a similar vein to figures last week from House of Fraser, with brokers forecasting a profits downturn. Estimates range from £95 million to £120 million compared with £139.6 million last time. There are unlikley to be any crumbs of comfort about current trading either. Brokers say the group will continue to struggle until the problems at British Shoe Corporation are resolved.

During the course of the year Sears disposed of Freeman Hardy & Willis and Olympus, the sports store chain, while restructuring its joint venture in European shoes. Since the year end it has also sold off Saxone, Curtess and Milletts. NatWest estimates this could distort the headline pre-tax profit number by £65 million. It anticipated that these disposals could see the group's cash pile slashed from £181 million to £75 million. The dividend should be held at 3.95p.

AUSTIN REED: It is likely to be a similar story for Austin Reed, now being tipped a potential takeover target in the Square Mile. Full-year figures on Thursday are likely to show a virtual halving of pre-tax profits to £3 million. A combination of factors including a poor womenswear range, bad weather and disruptions to production will have made a severe impact on the overall outcome.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

CBI trends in spotlight

The key British economic releases this week include the latest reading for retail sales and the Confederation of British Industry's most recent quarterly trends survey. On the whole, these are expected to show that the economy is improving on the consumer side of the equation with some marginal pick up on the manfacturing side.

The CBI survey, due to be published tomorrow, is expected to see a pick up in expectations for output after a slight fall in January. However, economists gave warning that there is not much evidence yet that manufacturers have made significant inroads in reducing large stock levels and that this should rein back output for some time. Orders are expected to have remained weak though some analysts think price expectations may have picked up a little.

Retail sales for March are due on Thursday. The consensus of forecasts compiled by MMS International is that sales will have risen 0.4 per cent in the month, giving a year on year rise of 2.1 per cent, a slight pick up on February's 1.9 per cent.

The other British indicator which will attract some market interest is M4 money supply data today. Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, cited above-target M4 growth at the March 7 monetary meeting sas a reason for caution and said that if monetary growth remained strong, interest rates would have to be raised. The MMS consensus forecast is for a rise of 0.7 per cent in March, taking M4 year on year growth rate to 9.5 per cent from 9.9 per cent. This is still above the 9 per cent upper limit the Treasury wants.

There are a number of Japanese economic releases this week, the most important being March industrial production. This is expected to have fallen 4.7 per cent. There are tentative signs that the Japanese economy may have started to recover after years of stagnation, so all indicators are of particular interest to the markets.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy**: Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, Finelist; **Avoid**: Arjo Wiggins. *The Observer*: **Buy**: FII Group; **Sell**: Signet. *Sunday Business*: **Buy**: Rolls Royce; **Sell**: GKN. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy**: Manganese Bronze, MacDonald Martin; **Sell**: Rentokil. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy**: Amey, Cussins Property; **Avoid**: Essex Furniture

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Active Imaging makes its debut

BY MARTIN BARROW

DEALINGS start this week in shares of Active Imaging, which is set to join the Alternative Investment Market by way of a placing to raise £5 million.

The company develops computer imaging products, including cameras for use in security and surveillance, traffic management, industrial inspection and related applications through the Internet. The shares are being placed through Beeson Gregory at 112p each, valuing the company at £20.5 million. Dealings are due to begin on Wednesday.

Active Imaging is based at *Maidenhead, Berkshire*. The company employs 70 people in Britain and America and its chairman is Mike Brooke, who is also chairman of Azlan. Sales have grown steadily, rising to £5.06 million in 1995 from £4.45 million in 1994 and £3.1 million in 1993.

In 1995 the company incurred losses of £552,000 before tax after charging development expenditure of £465,000. Gross profits were £1.77 million last year.

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58	18	2.37	Abacus Recruit	43	+ 5	...	...
130	123	18.40	A de Gruchy	125	...	5.6	10.4
18	7¼	16.20	African Gold	15¾	− ½	...	...
13½	13	5.01	Albemarale & Bd	13½	...	...	...
24	17	8.92	Alpha Omikron	17	− 1	...	...
415	380	37.80	Ann St Brewery	395	+ 5	5.5	11.9
895	885	5.30	Ann St Cv Pf	895	...	8.9	...
121	83	71.80	Antonov	101	+ 6	...	...
9	8	2.13	Arion Props	9	...	...	...
75	68	10.90	Ask Central	68	...	...	...
61	58	1.08	Athelney Trust	60	...	...	...
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20	17	4.88	Baris Hldgs	19	...	...	...
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150	140	1.01	Bowness Leis	147	...	3.8	...
70	70		Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...
61	50	10.40	Brancote Hdgs	60	+ 2	...	...
345	240	40.70	Brockbank	345	+ 5	2.7	...
120	116	0.96	CCI Hldgs	120	...	...	...
110	110	0.13	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
155	95	4.43	Cafe Inns	155	+ 8	1.6	12.7
75	55	7.39	Caledonian Tst	65	...	...	7.9
2	2	1.84	Capital & Wstn	2	...	...	...
96	83	13.90	Cardcast	86	...	0.7	18.7
83	58	16.40	Card Clear	73	− 2	...	...
72	60	3.39	Cassidy Bros	62	...	6.0	8.8
43	41	1.79	Cavendish W F	41	...	...	20.8
18	16	5.28	Celebrated Group	18	+ 2	...	...
£127½	6550	33.10	Celtic	£127½	+2250	...	...
124	109	16.40	CI Comms(TV)	122	...	2.5	15.7
86	62	7.25	Chartwell Intl	68	− 5	...	...
110	110	0.99	Clan Homes	110	...	...	...
31	28	12.70	ClubPartners	30	...	...	...
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44	37	8.76	Conister Tst	40	...	5.0	10.0
86	58	15.90	Country Gdns	86	+ 1	2.0	...
76	70	2.79	Cntry Gdns Pf	76	+ 3	8.7	...
109	92	34.80	Creos Intl	97	− 2	...	...
63	53	20.80	Crown Products	55	...	...	...
210	152	13.40	DBS Management	198	+ 1	3.8	8.0
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333	253	7.74	Floral St	333	...	0.4	15.1
193	136	17.90	Formscan	170	...	1.5	22.1
23	14	84.30	Freepages	23	+ 1	...	...
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22	15	4.80	Greenhills	16	− 1	...	...
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112	105	11.10	Indpt Radio	111	+ 6	...	...
88	85	14.70	Inner Workings	88	...	1.2	...
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103	83	3.79	Jasmin	93	...	...	14.0
310	280	22.90	Jennings Bros	310	+ 5	2.6	22.3
125	103	40.10	KS Biomedix	106	+ 3	...	...
180	137	32.50	Lancashire En	180	+ 15	2.8	14.5
250	210	15.20	Lawrence	250	+ 5	0.8	...
2750	2550	49.80	Lawrie Group	2550	...	3.5	13.0
285	255	44.00	Le Riches Strs	265	+ 2	7.3	26.0
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450	400	5.54	Preston Nth E	430	...	...	...
105	103	16.50	Primary Hlth Pr	103	...	...	...
35	32	3.15	Raphael Zrn	35	...	4.5	22.0
105	95	1.02	Revelation Plc	95	...	...	...
17	16	10.60	Riceman Insce	16	...	...	...
4½	3½	3.60	Rushmere Wynne	4	...	...	...
1¾	0¾	0.16	Rush Wyn Wrts	1¾	...	...	...
126	48	4.94	SCS Satellite	48	...	...	...
31	20	2.16	Scotswood Inds	31	...	4.0	29.3
43	28		Scott Pride	33	...	...	...
320	270	14.90	Scruttons	310	...	5.4	...
60	30	2.51	Self Sealing	43	+ 13	...	...
3	2		Silkbarn	2	− 1	...	...
10¼	7	59.90	SkyePharma	9	...	...	...
9	6	0.97	SkyePhrma B Wts	8	...	...	...
595	524	137.20	Southern News	582	...	3.4	15.3
68	50		Southern Vectis	68	...	...	...
615	255	98.90	Stanford Rook	538	+ 10	...	...
212	122	21.40	Surrey Fr Inns	212	+ 12	1.2	24.9
136	116	16.90	Syst Integ Rsch	126	+ 6	...	...
915	585	37.80	TRACKER Netwk	715	+ 50	...	...
55	38	4.14	Tele Cred Eur	41	...	...	...
43	28		Tele Cred Wrts	30	...	...	...
116	101	17.70	Toad	105	...	...	...
180	175		Trinity Care	180	...	1.0	...
170	165		Trinity Care Pf	170	...	...	...
57	46	236.50	Trocadero	56	+ 4	...	...
40	40		Univent	40	...	...	...
458	398	7.09	Utd Auctions	398	...	1.3	...
805	588¾	15.10	VDC	750	+ 5	3.2	13.6
16½	13½	43.60	Versailles Grp	16½	+ 2½	...	26.9
325	130	8.25	Viewinn	275	...	...	...
428	232		Voss	373	...	...	...
13	7		Wedderburn Secs	7½	− ½	...	...
5	3		Wedd Secs Wrnts	3	...	...	...
19	13	5.25	Western Selectn	15	...	...	59.7
6	5	0.31	Western Sel Wrt	5	...	...	...
31	26	3.07	Westmount Engy	30	+ 4	...	...
75	50	5.87	W'chester M Md	53	...	...	...
145	130		Wynnstay Props	130	...	...	...
300	170	26.30	Zergo	285	...	...	...

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.88	Netherlds Gld	2.703	2.473
Austria Sch	17.03	15.53	New Zealand $	2.38	2.14
Belgium Fr	49.83	45.53	Norway Kr	10.42	9.62
Canada $	2.178	2.016	Portugal Esc	245.00	226.50
Cyprus Cyp£	0.751	0.696	S Africa Rd	6.98	6.16
Denmark Kr	9.42	8.62	Spain Pta	197.00	184.00
Finland Mkk	7.74	7.09	Sweden Kr	10.80	10.00
France Fr	8.15	7.50	Switzerland Fr	1.99	1.81
Germany Dm	2.43	2.22	Turkey Lira	116360.	108360.
Greece Dr	386.00	361.00	USA $	1.615	1.485
Hong Kong $	12.39	11.39			
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94			
Israel Shk	5.2300	4.5800			
Italy Lira	2488.00	2333.00			
Japan Yen	178.30	160.30			
Malta	0.583	0.538			

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading on Friday.

WORD-WATCHING

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ATTIC BIRD
(a) The nightingale; so called because Philomel was the daughter of the King of Athens, or because of the abundance of nightingales in Attica.

RIBSTON PIPPIN
(c) So called from Ribston, the village in Yorkshire, where the first pippins, introduced from Normandy about 1707, were planted.

GALLIGASKINS
(c) A loose wide kind of breeches worn by men in the 16th and 17th centuries. The word is a corruption of the French *guargesque*, referring to a Greek article of clothing.

RAGNAROK
(c) The Götterdämmerung or Twilight of the Gods in Scandinavian mythology, when the old world and all its inhabitants were annihilated. Out of the destruction a world at peace was born.

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Capitalisation, week's change

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,190.40	Allied Domecq	501	+13	5.9	18.1
328.40	Bulmer (HP)	622		2.5	19.5
71.80	Burn Stewart	121	+2	5.2	25.8
9,498.90	Grand Met	452½	+23½	4.1	19.5
9,196.60	Guinness†	477½	+16½	3.9	16.2
491.50	Highland Dist	369	+5	2.7	17.1
200.80	Macallan-Glen†	171	+1	1.1	35.1
86.70	Marstn Mrtn 'A'	633		2.2	17.8
675.50	Matthew Clark	765	+4	3.6	..
11.30	Morydun W	104	+1	2.4	
6,149.30	SA Breweries	2087½	+150	1.5	32.2

BANKS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
9,907.80	ABN-AMRO	3265½	+28¾	4.3	..
7,681.60	Abbey Natl	581½	+11½	4.7	11.2
2,369.70	Allied Irish	352	+18	4.9	10.3
4,291.00	Aus New Z	309	+7	5.5	
17,589.00	Bank America	5025	+193¾		
3,093.50	Bank Scotland	261½	+8½	2.9	11.6
11,785.40	Barclays†	744½	+12½	4.4	9.7
2,350.70	Bk of Ireland	468	+29	3.6	9.4
144.70	Cater Allen	444		8.4	7.3
24,682.10	Citicorp	5100	+63¾		
445.70	Close Brost	365	+2	3.1	16.2
5,299.50	Commerzbk	£148¼	-8¼	3.5	.
39,176.40	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1253¾	-34¾	0.4	.
15,710.40	Deutsche Bk	3303¾	+25	2.2	.
169.10	Espirito Santo	790¾	-3½	4.6	10.4
38,372.40	Fuji Bank Y	1324¾	-57¾	0.4	.
197.10	Gerrard Nat	403	+1	7.0	13.0
433.70	Hambros	248	+7	3.8	
8,610.00	HSBC†	1000	-3	4.0	11.6
17,561.40	HSBC Hkt	990½	+6½	4.0	11.4
326.00	Irish Perm†	391	+5	3.3	
40.90	King Shaxson	156		7.3	12.0
33.90	Leopold J	450		5.2	15.5
16,666.50	Lloyds TSB†	327½	+5½	3.0	17.6
8,414.40	Nat Aust Bk	579	-2	7.4	7.5
11,196.50	Nat West†	631½	-5½	5.0	8.8
28.00	Rea Brothers†	58		2.2	27.5
4,202.80	Ryl Bk Scot	517½	+18½	3.9	11.8
1,872.40	Schroders†	1240	+17	1.6	17.3
431.60	Schroders N/V†	981	-4	2.0	13.7
307.40	Singer & Fried	105	+1	4.9	8.2
6,077.20	Stand Chart†	623	-2	2.2	13.6
27.40	Ungert	103		3.6	
16,103.80	Wells Fargo	£165½	+21¾	1.8	.
5,893.90	Westpac	310½	-5½	4.7	
25.90	Wintrust	300		4.9	17.2

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
239.70	Brammer†	538	+3½	3.4	
5.78	Bridgend Gp	21		1.2	.
23.80	Brit Fittings†	100	-1	4.5	
9.40	Calfyns	285	+2	5.0	19.7
37.80	Caverdale†	14¼	+¼	2.6	..
9.73	Central Mtr	71		0.9	.
36.60	Charles Sidney	86	+3	5.3	13.8
24.90	Cook (DC)	58		3.7	8.5
588.70	Cowie	365	+11	3.6	13.7
81.10	Dag Motors†	170	+9½	5.7	
28.90	Denmans El	163		2.0	14.7
234.80	Diploma	420	+7	4.3	13.6
1,673.20	Electrocomponts	385	+21	1.9	25.8
171.70	Eurodis Elec	293	-9	1.9	21.1
64.70	Eurodollar	132	+6	7.4	7.9
45.00	European Mtr	84	+3	7.7	7.2
113.30	Evans Halshaw†	353	+24	5.8	12.8
9.77	Fife Indmar†	63		8.5	.
99.70	Finelist Grp	304	+19	2.3	17.9
31.10	Gardner	29	+4½	3.7	11.6
17.50	Glencheadon†	58	+2½	1.9	42.6
8.00	Gowrings†	87	+¼	4.0	...
27.20	Harris (Philip)	250		3.7	15.9
137.00	Headlam	261	+10	2.3	
343.10	Henlys	651	+7	2.3	19.1
4.68	Holders Tech©	150	+5	5.0	28.5
69.60	ISA Intl	174	-3	1.7	.
1,648.00	Inchcape†	312	+16	3.7	
5.51	Jacks (Wm)	51	+13	4.4	
386.90	Kwik-Fit	221	+9½	2.8	15.5
392.30	Lex Service	338	+23	5.5	12.3
44.40	Lookers▼	133	+9	7.4	7.8
22.10	Malaya Grpt	13½	+¼	6.1	14.0
49.70	Middlesex©	8¼	+¼	0.8	18.9
22.10	Midsales	42	+1		
56.60	Norbain	544	+9	1.7	18.5
51.50	Northamber	303	+21	0.7	24.3
13.30	PCT©	149	+2	6.5	10.8
120.30	Pendragon	313	+26	3.6	15.9
52.10	Perry Gp	205	+18	5.0	
1,939.50	Premier Farnell	717	+50	1.7	20.8
37.20	Quicks Group†	161	+7	4.9	.
21.60	REA	243		2.1	28.9
3.54	Reece	2	-¼		
22.80	Ronson	51		3.1	10.4
4.06	Ross Gp	2¾			
46.40	SEP Indl	51½	+2	3.9	12.0
49.30	Saltire	19	+2¼	0.7	
160.20	Time Products	300	+12	3.9	17.5
5.81	Toms Hire	35		4.6	10.4
143.50	Vardy (Reg)†	306	+13	2.5	17.0
58.50	Wholesale Ftgs	409	+19	3.7	21.7
32.10	Wilshaw	34½	-3¼	2.9	8.2
59.00	Wyko	116	+2	1.9	.
18.90	Young (H)	114	-1	4.3	13.3

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4.59	Anglo Utd	0½			
546.90	Antofagasta	348	-12	1.9	11.6
18,043.30	Broken Hill	990	-10	2.8	21.3
12,436.70	BTR†	321½	+4½	5.7	13.3

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
117.80	Quadramatic	245	+2	4.2	15.2
5.62	Quadrant Grp	15	..	2.1	41.9
0.88	Radiant Metal	65			
92.50	Ransomes	67	-1		18.6
24.30	Record	71	+5	6.6	12.9
186.70	Renold	274½		2.4	15.5
2.80	Richards Group	31	-2	9.1	9.2
29.00	Richardson West	60	-3	5.9	
3,559.80	Rolls-Royce	242	+15	2.6	29.6
189.20	Rotork†	216	+3	3.1	...
161.20	Rubicon	184	+16	3.7	18.3
956.30	SKF 'B'	1500	-18¾	3.4	
324.70	Senior Eng	107	+7	4.3	
44.40	Swlfd-Rivet	227	+3	1.7	23.5
3,775.20	Siebe	880	+14	1.8	24.3
124.30	Simon Eng	79		1.0	28.9
141.70	Six Hundred	282	+51	1.1	18.8
2,174.40	Smiths Ind	720	+21½	2.6	21.2
574.60	Spirax-Sarco†	731	+10	2.3	21.6
95.30	Sterling Ind	313	+1	3.1	15.2
2,542.70	TI†	541	+20	2.8	21.0
9.78	Tinsley (E)©	94		7.5	13.8
112.30	TransTec	108	+7	2.6	
114.80	Triplex Lloyd	175	-2	5.0	13.0
50.20	Unicorn Ind	150	+5	4.6	
34.70	Utd Inds	15½		3.7	
19.90	Verson	13½			
881.80	Vickers†	264	+5	3.2	17.2
14.80	Villers Grp	1½			
366.20	Vitec	755	-5	1.8	14.3
264.80	Vosper Thorny	825	-3	3.3	15.0
215.00	Wagon Ind	415	+6	5.8	12.0
541.70	Weir†	271	+21	3.5	
60.20	Wellington Hdg†	255		3.8	
70.70	Wellman	48½	-1	4.3	10.6
94.90	Whatman†	402	-2	3.6	17.4
9.20	Widney	76	+1	5.7	8.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
120.60	Adwest†	146	+8	6.7	41.7
22.90	Airflow Stream	270		3.7	6.3
162.30	Avon Rubber	808	+31	3.6	14.8
237.10	BSG	80½	+6½	5.1	
54.90	Bostrom	325	+3	2.6	
13.90	Boustead	21		6.0	
23.40	ERF	239	+54	2.4	14.1
69.80	First Tech	442	+8	2.1	15.8
3,472.00	GKN†	992	+13	3.0	18.1
26,645.40	General Mtr	3750	+125	2.8	
13,952.40	Honda Motor	1432½	+44	0.6	
681.60	Laird	480	+21	3.2	
8.90	Loades	445		0.3	
1,977.80	Lucas	225	+14	3.9	29.8
332.90	Mayflower†	106½	+4	2.3	42.2
39.80	Sytone	168	+1	3.5	13.8
940.40	T & N	177	+8	4.2	11.3
238.80	Trinity Hldgs	428	+15	2.2	20.0

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
116.30	Candover†	519	+19¾	3.2	..
127.00	Contrl Euro Gwth†	63½	+4	0.9	
46.60	Conti Asset	213	-1	1.8	78.4
4.89	Dame Inv Inc	67		14.9	7.8
56.80	Derby Cap	370	+22	..	..
16.80	Derby Inc	142		17.0	7.3
226.80	Dunedin Inc Gt	708	+21	4.9	24.8
19.20	Dunedin Japan	94½	+1		
58.10	Dunedin Smlr	346	+4	3.3	44.5
2.00	Dunedin Wts	25			
292.50	Dunedin Wwde	873	+20	1.4	76.2
304.80	Edin Dragon	112¾	+1		
22.40	Edinburgh Inca	27¼	+¼		
1,001.90	Edinburgh	341	+10	3.5	32.9
41.00	EFM Japan	174½	+½		
602.00	Electra Inv	394	+6	2.4	62.9
220.60	Electric Gen	244	+5	1.8	64.8
2.03	English Scot	154	+3		
89.30	European Assett	388	+3½	1.6	
113.10	Fidelity Euro Val†	217	+1	0.3	...
84.00	Fidelity Jap Val†	79¼	+2	0.2	
44.80	Fidelity Spec Val	122	+4	0.5	
29.30	Finsbury 'A'	183	+2	3.3	58.9
178.10	Five Arr Chile	192¾	+6¾	1.7	...
0.58	Five Arr Wts	32½	+2½		
215.80	Fleming Amert	316	+8	1.0	
37.80	Fleming Chinese	62½	+1	1.0	73.3
3.24	Fleming Ch Wts	27			
152.10	Fleming Claver	275	+5	2.8	34.6
257.90	Fleming Cont	395	+10	1.1	
143.30	Fleming Em Mkts	148			
102.80	Fleming Entp	257	+5	3.5	47.9
563.20	Fleming F East	372½	-½	0.5	
54.20	Fleming Fledge†	430½	+9½	0.8	
34.50	Fleming Hi Inc	106	+1	5.5	21.8
56.90	Fleming Indian	65½	+½		
6.22	Fleming In Wts	37	+¼		
29.70	Fleming Intl	40	+¼	11.7	11.0
525.90	Fleming Japan	276½	+1½		
469.80	Fleming Mercl	325	+7½	2.9	
47.30	Fleming Nat Rest	116½		0.5	
476.80	Fleming Overs	359	+5	1.6	63.3
35.10	Fleming Smlr Co	136	-1	4.0	29.3
1.75	Fleming Smlr Wt	36	+1		
1,728.90	Foreign & Col†	164¾	+6	1.6	
46.20	F&C Inc Gwth	107	+3	3.8	31.4
211.40	F&C Emg Mkts	112¾	+3		
93.10	F&C Enterprise†	99	+2	1.5	60.7
187.50	F&C Eurotst	301	+8½	0.5	
53.80	F&C German	137	+1	0.5	
461.80	F&C Pacific	200¾	+2	1.2	
81.90	F&C PEP	144	+1	3.3	33.6
798.90	F&C Smaller	190	+7½	1.4	78.1
69.80	F&C US Smlr	139	+2		
2.33	Fulcrum Cap	14½			
3.59	Fulcrum Inc	32	+1		3.4
14.30	Fulcrum Zero	165¼	+¼		
107.50	Gartmore Brit	215	+3	4.2	
9.49	Gartmore Bil	211		2.4	45.5
33.50	Gartmore Euro	188	+2	0.8	
27.90	Gartmore Smlr Co	82	+4½	14.6	8.3

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
30.00	Intl C	100			
124.00	INVESCO Asia	110½	+2½		
8.09	INVESCO Blue	64	+2	16.4	7.2
83.30	INVESCO Eng Int	170	+13	0.7	
44.00	INVESCO Korea	132	+1		
68.40	INVESCO Tokyo	61	+¼		
25.70	J Fry 2nd U	88½	+12	9.6	11.1
8.31	J Fry Euro U	78	+9	7.1	14.3
151.70	JF Fledg Jap	241	-½		
30.50	Jupiter Ex Inc	82	+3	11.9	9.0
0.24	Jupiter Ex IncWt	4			
10.50	Jupiter Grd Cap	75	+3	13.0	9.6
9.45	Jupiter Grd Pfd	27	+2		
28.40	Jupiter Intl Gwth	113		4.1	
226.40	Kleinwort Chrl	279½	+5	2.5	49.4
34.40	Kleinwort E Mkt	127½			
43.80	Kleinwort End	146	-½		
456.30	Kleinwort Euro Prvt	91¼	+1¼	3.1	40.3
24.20	Kleinwort Euro Wts	24¼	+1¼		
24.60	Kleinwort H Inc	82	+3	13.1	8.9
238.20	Kleinwort O'seas†	297	+3½	1.5	79.1
21.90	Kleinwort Smlrt	166	+8	2.5	49.1
145.60	Korea—Euro	593	-38¼	0.1	
94.00	Latin American	104½	-½		
229.10	Law Debenture†	1005	+4	2.5	35.8
28.20	Lloyds Sm Cap	115	+4		
6.50	Lloyds Sm Dvd	26½		18.2	
34.10	Lloyds Sm Pkgt	139	+3	3.5	
164.50	M&G Inc Zero Div	66¾	+½		
33.00	M&G Rec Cap	24½			
477.60	M&G Rec Geared	42	+½	10.5	
32.30	M&G Rec Inc	24		21.1	
152.60	M&G Rec Pacge	136	-1	3.7	
122.60	M&G Rec Zero Dv	91	+½		
32.30	M Currie Euro	140		0.3	
23.40	M Currie Japan	108	+1		
66.20	M Currie Pac	161½	+6½	0.7	
124.40	Majedie	237	+3	3.0	36.5
8.61	Marsdon	42			
294.40	Merchants†	278	+3	5.5	
533.60	Mercury Euro Pv	99	+1½	1.8	69.0
33.10	Mercury Em Wt	28¾	-¼		
451.60	Mercury World†	106		1.2	
22.60	Mercury Wld Wts	26½	-½		
473.40	Monks Inv Tst	610	+15	1.8	56.5
59.30	Morg Gren Inc	167½	+6	3.7	28.3
3.37	Morg Wts	67½	-5		
45.90	Morg Lat Amer	71½	+1½		
1.27	Morg Wts	25½	+1½		

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
33.10	Murray Ent	124	+4	2.4	48.9
0.96	Murray Ent Wts	20			
60.00	Murray Emg Eco	92½	+¼	1.2	
3.83	Murray Em Ec Wt	29½	+1		
23.00	Murray Euro†	64		0.7	
325.00	Murray Income†	377	+2	4.0	31.1
612.10	Murray Intl†	426	+15	3.7	31.2
11.80	Murray S/C OP	184½	+½		
7.62	Murray S/C Cap	136	+1		
5.52	Murray S/C Inc	88	+1	20.6	6.1
1.52	Murray S/C Uts	2937½	+12½	0.5	
283.30	Murray Small	505	+5	1.1	
90.60	Murray Vent	367	+2	4.2	28.7
5.07	Newmarket	14	+1		
20.00	Nthrng Inc†	51	+1	11.6	11.4
15.60	Nthrng Cap	63	+3		
156.20	O'seas Inv Tst	410	+8	1.1	
3.74	O'seas Wts	208½	+6½		
183.50	Pacific Assets	141¼	+4¼	0.3	
33.50	Perpetual Jap	91½	+1		
17.70	Perpl Uk Sm Co†	340	+3	0.8	71.8
23.90	Personal Assets	£119½		2.1	51.4
43.40	Pilot Inv	117	+1½	2.0	56.6
88.50	Prolific Inc†	123½	+8	4.7	28.8
410.60	RIT Cap Ptnr	227	+4	0.9	
45.50	River Merc Cap	113	+3		
84.50	River Merc Tst Inc	105	+1	11.3	11.1
	Robeco	493	+7	2.6	
	Rolinco	528	+7	1.5	
163.40	Schrd Asia Pac	116¾	+1¼		
95.70	Schrod Inc Gwth†	121	+3	4.1	
111.20	Schrod Jap Gwth	89	-1		
56.50	Schrod Korea	856½	+23½		
1.82	Schrod Medim†	330	+2½	8.6	
6.37	Schrod Split Cap	22½	+½		
56.00	Schrod Split Inc	99	+5	9.9	
49.30	Schrod Split Zero	130¾	+¼		
159.50	Schrod UK Gwth	134		2.8	47.7
792.10	Scot	273½	+5½	2.5	48.4
385.70	Scot American	172½	+5	3.8	30.6
73.90	Scot Asian	349	+13		
7.17	Scot Wts	1025	+25		
662.10	Scot Eastern†	104½	+5¼	2.1	54.3
997.30	Scot Mtge	276½	+8	2.0	53.0
147.70	Scot Natl Tst	92½	+1½	10.6	11.8
57.60	Scot Value	114½	-½	2.2	53.6
384.60	Second Alliance	2003	+38	2.9	41.5
307.50	Secs Tst of Scot	96	+2½	4.4	27.9
28.30	Shires Smlr	146	+16	4.9	
123.50	St Andrew Inv†	359	+7	3.1	38.8
213.00	Temple Bar	371	+3	4.9	23.0
145.80	Thrmtn Asian E	132	+3½		
1.61	Throg Dual Cp	46	+1		
245.30	Throgmorton	80¼	+3¼	3.6	45.0
548.30	Trtton Emg Mkt	136¼	-1	0.7	
354.50	TR City Of Lon	171	+3	4.2	
132.30	TR Euro Growth	226½	+1½	0.9	
93.90	TR Far East	189½	+2	4.3	30.5
31.90	TR High Inc†	132½	-½	6.0	20.0
172.40	TR Pacific†	125½	+1	0.2	
142.40	TR Property	30¾	+1½	4.0	22.7

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
239.80	Henderson Ad	1100	+25	5.1	20.2
657.30	Invesco†	246	-2	2.3	
11.90	Investment Co	43		6.6	13.3
76.40	Ivory Sime	241	+6	4.0	17.9
2,260.30	Jardine Strat	212¾	+1	4.5	..
33.10	Johnson Fry	153	+31	3.3	
267.70	Lon Forfaiting†	263	+7	4.8	
177.00	London Pacific	253	-1	7.6	
134.20	Lon Scot Br	109	+5	2.9	22.6
409.70	Man ED & F	158	+1	7.6	8.1
892.80	M & G	1200	+37	3.3	24.0
1,448.50	MAI†	440	+1	3.0	19.6
	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	164½	-1	4.5	
1,640.70	MAM	890	-14	3.8	19.8
83.80	Nat Home Loan	95½	-½	1.3	4.2
615.20	Perpetual	2213	+48	2.3	23.4
1,281.70	Provident†	948	+11	3.7	18.9
77.70	Rathbone Brs	328		3.9	
137.50	Rutland Tst†	55½	+3½	2.7	20.9
44.80	S & U	380	-2	4.3	11.2
321.00	SJP Capital	117		3.2	22.1
5,200.30	[illegible] Pacific	535½	-7½	2.3	20.6
5.39	Towry Law	35		3.6	
996.80	Transatlantic†	363	+4	5.0	20.7
6.26	Trio Hldgs	7½	+1½	...	...

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
21.30	Euro Leisure	161			4.4
3.67	Farringford	14			
164.20	First Choice	69		7.1	
646.20	First Leisure	395	+22	2.4	23.0
37.80	Friendly Hotels	189	+37	3.8	
7,080.80	Granada	835	+3½	1.8	30.2
15.70	Hi-Tec Sports	31	+6	5.2	
15.90	Hornby©	192			
125.70	Hazelock	528	-14	2.1	20.5
109.70	Jurys Hotel	258¼	+36¼	3.1	16.5
67.50	Kunick	29	-1	2.6	24.4
2,258.10	Ladbroke†	193½	+10	5.9	31.4
382.30	London Clubs	540	-3	3.2	19.3
200.00	Man Utd†	329	-9	1.8	10.6
624.90	Mandarin Orntl	89	+6¼	4.1	18.9
55.40	Northern	115		4.4	12.8
10.60	Prestn Leisure	125		5.0	8.7
20.30	Queensborough	31			
119.80	Queens Moat	31	+5¼		
4,514.90	Rank Orgt	542	+25	3.1	15.1
27.20	Ryan Hotels IE	41½	+4½	4.8	
387.50	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1356	-20	1.3	53.9
42.10	Sinclair (Wm)	193	+15	5.0	12.4
55.00	Stakis	114	+9½	1.9	24.0
249.60	Stanley Leisure	463	+6	1.7	24.0
15.50	Tandem	16½	-½	3.8	3.3
1,300.10	Tanjong	346		1.5	
49.60	Tottenham Hot	310	-2	1.8	5.5

MEDIA

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
206.30	Abbott Mead▼	563	+12	2.0	
63.80	Adscene	294	+4	3.6	15.2
456.50	Aegis Gp	56	+2½		
4.47	Allied Radio	3½			
1.41	BBB Design©	17	+1		
54.40	Barbour Index	320	-5	3.6	48.1
6.54	Bristale	6½	+¼		
5.20	Black (A&C)	335		5.4	12.7
275.60	Blenheim Gp	296	+7	4.5	14.9
28.40	Border TV	278	+1	1.9	23.0
60.50	Bristol	371	+1	4.5	19.1
8,163.40	BSkyB	476	+22	1.3	43.7
77.60	CIA Grp©	188	+12	0.9	
32.50	Caledonian Med	21½			
476.00	Capital Radio	652	+7	2.0	
2,718.40	Carlton Comm	469½	-9½	2.5	16.8
128.20	Chrysalis	480	+15	0.7	
5.92	City of Lon©	75		8.3	9.5
585.70	Cordiant	132	+6		
76.20	Daily Mail	1535		1.5	37.1
1,447.10	Daily Mail A	1450	+34½	1.5	

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
389.30	Dorling Kindt	565	+4½	0.9	40.0
1,333.20	EMAP	674	+5	2.0	26.2
6,839.90	Elsevier	1040¾	-11	2.2	
278.20	Euromoney Pb	1275	...	4.3	25.6
12.10	Fitch	34		.	.
561.80	Flextech©	507			
54.70	GGI Group	205	+1	3.3	15.7
168.20	GWR Gp▼	211	+1	1.3	32.3
24.10	Gearhouse Group	223		2.5	14.6
10.10	Goodhead	25		0.5	...
81.20	Grampian	249	+2	2.4	21.3
325.90	HTV Group†	372	+7	1.3	...
49.60	Hayes Publ†	318	-5	3.8	15.4
8.34	Highbury Hse	20			
86.60	Hodder H'line	246	+1	3.4	.
15.50	Home Countiest	155	-2	4.4	.
122.50	IBC	315	+23	3.2	12.3
10.90	Incepta	16½	+1½	.	8.1
640.30	Independent†	533	+5	2.4	
5.06	Inkeurope	110		8.9	21.3
251.00	Johnston Press†	188	+7	1.5	22.3
10.80	Lopex†	20	-¼	3.1	10.3
195.30	MAID	213	+6		
36.50	MediaKey	67	+3	1.8	
90.10	Metal Bulletin†	910	+55	2.2	32.2
205.50	Midland Ind	149	+4	3.0	
988.20	Mirror Grp†	238	+9	2.1	16.3
196.90	More O'Ferrall†	595	+31	2.9	18.1
7,224.60	News Corpt	373	+3	0.4	10.3
2,313.60	News Intl†	325	+1	1.2	13.2
11.00	Osprey Comms	41	+7		
4,071.70	Pearson†	731		2.8	25.4
80.30	Phonelink	201	+11		
74.80	Portsmth Sund	623	+23	2.4	15.6
52.30	Quarto	384½	+23½	3.2	11.5
6,747.30	Reed Intl	1190	+9	2.6	
13,323.30	Reuters†	794	+36	1.5	30.8
32.50	Scott Radio	334	+7	2.4	23.1
414.40	Scot TV	685	+25	3.0	22.4
41.50	SelecTV©	29			49.2
72.90	Shandwick	53½	+½	3.0	9.9
9.80	Sleepy Kids©†	33	-3	0.4	
47.20	Southnews	299	+2	2.0	18.5
12.10	Sterling Pub©	26			
85.20	Taylor Nelson	43	-1½	2.1	
631.10	Telegraph†	463	+3	3.5	33.8
37.40	Televison Cp	151	+8	5.1	22.7
6,170.10	Thomson Corp	1055	+30	4.2	22.3
7,814.00	Thorn EMI	1813	+35	2.5	28.2
583.70	Trinity Intl†	423	+6	3.2	..
135.80	Ulster TV	1293	+5	2.4	
1,689.60	United News†	686	-2	4.2	23.6
14.00	VTR	126		4.1	13.9
118.70	Wood Action	258	-8	2.3	18.9
1,555.90	WPP	211	+12	0.8	22.9
52.10	Wilmington	73	+6		34.3
543.30	Yorkshire TV	1053	+14	1.7	..

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
106.50	Aberdeen Tst	121	+2	2.6	23.8
20.00	BWD	102		6.1	12.3
2.27	Berry Bch Nbl	35		9.3	9.9
170.50	Biotech Inv	287	-1		
38.90	Brown Dolphin	181		4.8	12.7
654.70	Caledonia	785	+10	2.7	24.3
50.60	Camellia	2025		2.3	18.6
352.30	Cattles†	257½	+3	3.3	18.5
7.55	Christie	32	+6		
60.50	EFT Group†	121	+10	2.2	14.4
133.00	ERM†	701	+20	4.5	17.1
125.70	Exco	102		11.7	11.6
501.70	Gartmore	249		0.9	21.0

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,624.10	Brit Biotech	2805	+440	.	.
67.50	Cantab Pharms	625	+111		
445.90	Celltech	593	+90		
192.40	Chiroscience	283	+49		
495.20	Cortecs	383	+51		
28,455.30	Glaxo Wellcome†	810	+20	4.6	16.4
697.30	Medeva†	236	-3	2.1	14.0
72.90	Peptide Thera	215			
960.10	Scotia	735	+97		
125.40	Shire Pharms	206	+9		
19,268.90	SmithKline	703½	+75	2.6	19.4
12,936.00	Zeneca†	1366	+3	2.8	22.1

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
27.00	AG Holdings	150	+5	4.9	12.4
138.40	API	635		2.0	23.2
35.90	App Hole	136	+12		
1,594.70	Arjo Wiggins†	194	+10½	4.8	39.1
41.20	Aspen Comms©	275		2.9	.
160.10	Bemrose▼	384	-1	4.7	
119.50	Blagden†	165	+1½	1.2	21.4
992.00	Bowater Inc	2709¾	+203½		
197.10	Bremner Intl©†	560	+18	1.2	
305.20	Br Polythene	761	+15	2.8	15.8
5.47	Br Thornton	34	+8	7.7	11.5
219.30	Bunton Grp†	158	+5	2.4	14.3
1,019.00	Bunzl†	229	+11	3.2	14.9
57.30	Capital Inds	195		3.4	12.5
23.80	Cropper (James)	287	-7	1.6	19.1
1,633.70	De La Rue	729	+19	4.0	15.4
7.22	Delyn Group	84		2.6	12.2
38.30	Delphia Pack	155	+14	4.3	
34.30	Fairway Group▼	86	-2	5.6	14.7
92.90	Ferguson Intl	230		7.2	10.1
71.60	Filofax©	238	+4	1.5	16.4
75.70	Inveresk†	144		5.0	
142.00	Jarvis Porter	304	-1	3.6	16.2
562.20	Low & Bonar†	569	+13	2.9	15.8
141.90	MY Holdings	105	+10	2.5	20.3
287.20	Macfarlane	236	+9	2.1	
22.50	Nolo Gp	127		6.1	9.9

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
564.80	Lloyds Chem	472	-4	2.8	18.8
1,066.50	MFI	183	+3	2.9	27.3
12,864.50	Marks Spencer	457	+19	2.9	18.8
324.80	Menzies (John)	578	+26	2.7	14.6
15.80	Merchant Retail	18½	+½		12.9
154.70	Moss Bros	910	+92	2.5	
2,081.70	Next	556	+3	2.7	24.3
12.90	Oliver (G)	51	-1		
264.20	Ottakars Intl	494	+5	2.8	19.7
15.50	Partridge Fine	70		5.2	11.8
20.50	QS Hldgs	52	+11	3.8	
38.10	Ramo Grp	11½	+½		
53.60	Rosebys†	226	+8	9.1	18.3
1,492.90	Sears	98		5.0	15.6
86.50	Signet Group	29½	-2		
1,390.50	Smith WH	495	+10	4.0	28.2
330.10	Sothebys	973	+13	1.9	
1,506.00	Storehouse	360	+12	2.3	22.2
49.80	Style	110	+9	8.5	
151.10	T & S Stores	211	+12	4.3	12.3
85.10	Tie Rack	165	-5	2.1	
5.61	Upton & South	3½			
4,018.60	Vendome	578	+30	2.2	20.9
18.90	WEW Group	13	-1	4.4	
527.70	Wickes	140	+12	1.9	
8.95	Wld of Leather†	74	+2½	2.7	
83.20	Wyevale	216		3.1	

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,510.70	ADT	1088	-22		
226.30	Alpha Airpts	135	+10	4.7	
14.20	Alphameric	34		0.8	25.5
34.70	Auto Sec	29			
1,925.80	BET Ord	202½	-6	2.8	20.3
34.00	BNB Rest	158	+13½	5.1	
88.30	BPP†	328		4.3	
49.70	BSM†	178		4.8	12.8
247.60	BTG	1415	+200	0.4	
337.40	Borland©	1187½			
4.33	Br Bloodstock©	103			33.2
40.80	Brit Data Mgt†	183	+8	4.1	23.6
11.20	Brooks Service†	99	+5	4.0	
192.00	Business Post	384	+2	2.3	25.7
340.90	CMG†	534	+½	1.7	
93.20	CRT Grp†	138	+3	3.5	21.2
2.24	Card Gp	224			
211.50	Capita Group†	356	+23½	1.4	
4.45	Cardinal Bus	17			
3.33	Chemex	8½		2.3	14.8
1,057.30	Chubb Sec	378	+13	2.5	19.8
190.40	Corp Services©▼	142	+1	3.1	
24.10	Coutts Constg†	52		4.8	
18.40	DCS Gp	96	+1	2.0	15.1
269.30	Davis Service	261	+9	4.6	13.5
102.00	Delphi	400	+13	1.4	15.6
17.40	Dudley Jenkins	138		3.1	21.2
12.20	EW Fact	67	+8	1.4	8.2
22.30	El Data Prc	85		3.2	11.3
1,769.90	Hays	432	+10	2.1	21.0
213.70	Hogg Robinson	244	+9	4.1	14.8
509.70	ISS B DKr	1962½		1.3	13.1
163.30	JBA Hldgs	479	+8	1.1	
132.40	Johnson Clean†	267	-1	5.2	12.1
21.80	Kalamazoo	110	+7	4.4	11.0
57.50	Kewill Sys	464	+42	1.8	16.4
37.70	LBMS©	148	+10		
5.36	Laser-Scan©	18			
64.80	Leigh	98	-1	8.4	11.6
350.30	Logica†	556	+23	1.5	23.8
85.00	MDIS	85	+1	7.6	18.6
38.20	MMT Comp	335	+17	2.3	20.5
49.10	MR Group	88	-3	3.8	
88.60	Macro 4†	428	+9	6.6	11.5
1,617.90	Manpower	2175	+168¾	0.4	
201.60	Micro Focus	1335	+437		

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	100⅜	-⅛	15.20	6.15
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	100½	⅛	13.18	6.21
1,200	Treas 2% 1996	217⅞	+⅛	0.92	5.90
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	102⅛	-⅛	9.79	6.01
1,929	Treas 7% 1997	100¼	+⅛	6.96	6.41
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	105⅛	-⅛	12.59	6.06
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	103⅝	-⅛	10.14	6.12
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	102⅞	+⅛	8.50	6.47
830	Exch 15% 1997	112	-⅛	13.39	6.56
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅜	+⅛	9.39	6.70
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100⅝	+⅛	7.19	6.81
7,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	99⅝	+⅛	6.77	6.90
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	113¾	+⅛	12.33	6.91
935	Treas 15½% 1998	118¾		13.05	6.97
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	111⅜	+⅛	10.77	7.07
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	105⅞	+⅛	8.97	7.08
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	113⅛	+⅛	10.82	7.17
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	107⅜	+⅛	9.63	7.17
6,600	Treas 6% 1999	96⅞	+⅛	6.22	7.21
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	109⅛	+⅛	9.40	7.32
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	105⅛	+⅛	8.54	7.37
7,800	Treas 8% 2000	102⅛	+⅛	7.83	7.43
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	119⅝	+⅛	10.85	7.46
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	109¾	+⅛	9.11	7.56

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
10,750	Treas 7% 2001	97⅜	+⅛	7.19	7.61
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	109⅞	+⅛	8.87	7.75
8,600	Treas 8% 2003	101⅛	+⅛	7.91	7.79
2,500	Treas 10% 2003	111⅞	+⅛	8.94	7.86
1,620	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	115⅝	+⅛	9.97	7.70
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79⅛	+⅛	4.38	6.71
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	109⅜	+⅛	8.69	7.98
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	92⅝	+⅛	7.29	7.96
8,300	Treas 8½% 2005	103⅛	+⅛	8.22	7.98
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	109⅛	+⅛	8.67	8.00
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125⅜	+⅛	9.97	7.98
6,000	Treas 7½% 2006	96⅝	+⅛	7.78	8.01
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	97⅝	+⅛	7.92	8.05
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	99⅝	+⅛	8.02	8.08
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119⅜	+⅛	9.82	7.93
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	103	+⅛	8.25	8.09
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132⅛	+⅛	10.22	7.97
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	106⅝	+⅛	8.42	8.11
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	98⅝	+⅛	8.09	8.14

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	83⅝	+⅛	7.47	8.19
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	106⅝	+⅛	8.42	8.19
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	107⅛	+⅛	8.41	8.21
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77⅝	+⅛	7.08	7.94
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	98	+⅛	8.16	8.22
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95½	+⅛	8.12	8.22
9,500	Treas 8% 2015	98	+⅛	8.16	8.20
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	105⅛	+⅛	8.33	8.24
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3,000	Treas 8% 2021	97⅝	+⅛	8.17	8.20

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	42⅜	+⅛	8.27	.
475	Treas 2½%	29⅞	+⅛	8.37	
359	Consols 4%	47⅝	+⅛	8.40	

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112⅞	+⅛	1.34	2.77
2,850	Treas IL 2½% 2001	178⅝	+⅛	2.98	3.53
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2003	174⅝	+⅛	3.17	3.59
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114⅝	+⅛	3.22	3.60
1,950	Treas IL 2% 2006	182⅝	+⅛	3.33	3.62
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2009	164⅝	+⅛	3.47	3.67
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2011	164⅝	+⅛	3.48	3.70
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139⅞	+⅛	3.52	3.72
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148⅝	+⅛	3.56	3.74
3,150	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142⅝	+⅛	3.60	3.76
3,050	Treas IL 2½% 2024	118⅝	+⅛	3.59	3.73
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116⅝	+⅛	3.60	3.74

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Row looms over debt relief for poorest nations

Janet Bush on the key issue at the IMF and World Bank meetings in Washington

DEBT relief for some of the world's poorest nations is the big issue at the meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank opening today in Washington and matters are shaping up for a bitter row.

Hopes had been high in the run-up to the meetings that real progress could be made on the issue. But even as Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who has spearheaded the debt issue, was delivering a statement in London expressing his delight that a consensus appeared to be forming, Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, was placing a bomb under the whole process.

A framework document by the IMF and World Bank had finally acknowledged that they, as multilateral lenders, would have to play a role in providing an exit route from debt for between eight to 20 very poor countries. This agreement in principle has been cheered all round as a real breakthrough. British officials and non-governmental organisations such as Oxfam were convinced that a new debt initiative could be announced at the Group of Seven summit in Lyon in June and then be ratified at the IMF/World Bank autumn meeting in October.

But M Camdessus last week insisted that creditor governments represented in the Paris Club would have to reduce bilateral debt by as much as 90 per cent and refinance ESAF, the IMF's concessional loan operation, before the IMF would agree to paying for further debt forgiveness itself. This principle is enshrined in the framework document, but there was still a palpable sense of disappointment from campaigners for debt relief at M Camdessus's tone.

The "as much as 90 per cent" clause was contained in the framework document that will be discussed at today's interim committee meeting and at tomorrow's development committee meeting. The document makes it clear that the IMF will step in only once the best possible efforts had been made by bilateral creditors.

Governments and the IMF are squaring up for a fight over who assumes the largest financial responsibilities in the debt relief initiative. M Camdessus last week put down a hardline negotiating position. Bilateral creditors may well throw down a gauntlet of their own, insisting that they will not replenish ESAF unless the IMF and the World Bank find some money to finance debt forgiveness.

Britain is still campaigning for the IMF to sell some of its gold reserves to find the money, but this is vehemently opposed by Germany, Japan and France. An alternative proposed by British officials is that a hard look be taken at the World Bank's income and reserves, which some believe have deliberately been played down.

The question of debt forgiveness was on the agenda of of G7 finance ministers in Washington yesterday and this week may see a further evolution in G7's position. The Chancellor's view is that bilateral creditors have done their bit, agreeing in 1994 to write off up to 67 per cent of the debt stock of the poorest countries. They have also come up with resources to refinance IDA, the World Bank's concessional lending arm, for the next three years.

Some British officials now believe that there is a moral obligation on the IMF and the World Bank to put up funds for multilateral debt relief having, as one of them put it, "lent to some of these countries so irresponsibly in the first place"

In spite of the hard line taken by the IMF last week, there is still some hope that progress can be made.

Chemicals output faces fall

BRITAIN'S chemical industry is expecting its output rise to halve in 1996, according to its latest economic forecasts. The fall, signalled by the Chemical Industries Association, reflects weaker overall UK economic performance and will feed through into the slowdown in British industry.

The CIA says that chemical output will rise in the UK by 2 per cent this year, compared with 4.2 per cent last year and 5 per cent in 1994. Chemical exports are forecast to rise by 2 per cent, but imports will be up by 3 per cent. Investment in the industry will rise by as much as 7.8 per cent, the industry's umbrella body says, but employment will fall by 2 per cent.

Forsyth trial

Elizabeth Forsyth, former aide to Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, is due to be sentenced at the Old Bailey on Friday. Forsyth, 59, of Great Dunmow, Essex, was convicted last month on two counts of handling nearly £400,000 in funds allegedly stolen from Polly Peck International.

Buyouts cheer

Management buyouts floated on the London Stock Exchange in 1995 outperformed the FT-SE All Share index by more than 25 per cent by the end of that year, according to a report by the Centre for Management Buyout Research at Nottingham University.

'One-off' boom

Consumer spending is poised for its fastest growth since 1989 because of a "bonanza of one-off payments", Lloyds Bank said. Payments such as building society conversions will boost spending power by almost 10 per cent in the next two years, adding about 1 per cent to actual spending.

DTI delay on reforms 'damaging industry'

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S competition policy is damaging the UK's competitiveness, according to a new business study urging radical changes aimed at improving economic performance.

It suggests tighter rules to ensure that firms compete, tough policing such as dawn raids on companies, and rights for a beefed-up watchdog to inspect files.

The Government is currently consulting on changes to competition policy, but its proposals fall far short of reform suggestions from a range of other bodies, including the Labour Party and the all-party Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee.

Tomorrow, Karel Van Miert, the European Commission's Competition Commissioner, is expected to outline current Brussels policy and proposals on competition law when he addresses a business conference in London, organised by the Industry Forum, the body established to create links between Labour and industry.

In advance of that, the Commission on Public Policy and British Business — an inquiry currently being mounted by the Institute for Public Policy Research think-tank — says today that the Government has been "mealy-mouthed" about reforming competition policy, and claims this failure is damaging the UK's competitiveness.

The Commission report says that the Department of Trade and Industry "must shoulder considerable blame" for the inaction over competition. It also attacks the Government's 1989 promise that it would reform competition policy once parliamentary time permits as "wearing distinctly thin". It adds: "The DTI's failure to grasp the competition policy nettle is thus holding back British business."

The report puts forward a number of detailed recommendations, including unifying the MMC with the Office of Fair Trading; giving the competition authorities increased investigatory powers — including dawn raids on companies, the right to inspect company files and to impose fines for failure to provide accurate information; sharply reducing politicians' power to intervene in individual competition policy cases; and stiffer penalties against anti-competitive practices, including heavy fines for serious offenders of up to 10 per cent of company turnover, and damages for others affected.

The study, which is supported by Lord Borrie, formerly head of the Office of Fair Trading, says that the current UK competition system has a number of major weaknesses, including the costs and time for companies involved, a concentration on relatively minor cases, a scarcity of significant action to be taken to restore or maintain competition and a "huge" overlap with European law.

It adds that the "tripartite system of OFT, MMC and Secretary of State introduces an inevitable bias against significant action, in that all three bodies have to support it — if anyone is unconvinced, nothing happens".

Lord Borrie, who is in favour of radical action on competition to improve industry's economic performance

People's Bank plans low-cost UK credit card

THE pressure on UK credit card companies to decrease their rates will intensify today with the launch of a low-cost credit card from the People's Bank of Connecticut (Caroline Merrell writes).

The US bank, which aims eventually to have 500,000 credit card users in Britain, is the second US bank to launch a card in the UK in the past two months. The first was Advanta Corporation.

The People's Bank said its card would carry no annual fee and have an interest rate of less than 15.9 per cent.

Both cards substantially undercut many of the UK's major credit card issuers. Rates of over 20 per cent are common among credit cards, in spite of the cut in base rates on January 18 to 6.25 per cent.

News International in Internet advert launch

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

THE Press Association, Britain's leading news agency, has teamed up with News International, owner of *The Times*, to launch a unique classified advertising service on the Internet.

The two groups are understood to be planning to invest £3-£5 million in Classified Link UK, which could provide a partial solution to the problem of how media owners can make money by going online. While many national and regional newspapers are available in part or in full on the Internet, they do not earn cover price or advertising revenue from these services.

The new service, due for launch in the fourth quarter of this year, is aiming to break even after three years. It will allow the two groups to tap into the classified advertising revenue of the non-national press, which earns £1.1 billion of the £1.5 billion UK market.

Participating newspapers, who will pay a subscription, will be able to place their classified advertisements on a national database that will link jobs, property, travel, motoring and business services. Internet users nationwide will access the advertisements through each newspaper's own internet or online site.

Mark Hird, general manager of PA Data Design, said: "Every word in each advertisement will be indexed so users can tap in key words and phrases and the system will automatically select for them all the ads containing them."

☐ News EyeQ, an online business information service, will be launched on Wednesday by News International and DataTimes Corporation. The service provides access to around 6,000 information sources around the world, including News International titles. The service will be available to any company or individual with a personal computer and modem. When fully operational it will cost £20 a month plus £2 per full-text article, or £75 a month plus 75p per article.

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PR for the PM

IN PUTTING together the Downing Street Policy Unit, the Prime Minister has reached out to Brunswick, the City public relations company, pulling Simon Walker through the doors at Number Ten. Mr Walker, a partner at Brunswick, has been on secondment from the PR company since Easter. A spokeswoman at the company which handles the PR for some of the UK's top companies said she did not know when Mr Walker would be returning from John Major's camp.

FIRST on the list for the Queen's Award for Export Achievement announced yesterday, was the Anglo Beef Processors. Let us hope the company doesn't go belly up before receiving the honour, since the processor of fresh and frozen beef and lamb has lost 20 per cent of its business since the EU ban. On the cut off date, exports from the firm were turned back in transit.

Thumbs up

DAVID GRANT, director and great-grandson of the founder of Scotch whisky distillers, William Grant and Sons, is hoping his thumbs will recover in time to pick up his company's Award for Export Achievement. Grant, who broke both thumbs on different days while skiing in Val d'Isère a fortnight ago, is happy to have secured the award for the second time, but wonders how he will be able to carry the cumbersome award.

Underwired

A SLIP of the pen in this month's edition of *Livewire*, the free magazine for East Coast rail travellers, that would have Ab Fab's Patsy and Edina howling with laughter over a bottle of Bolly. In a patronising article on the merits of Leeds, Tony Greenway writes "...it will be Harvey Nicks' first store outside London, and comes complete with beauty salon, bar and brassiere".

Morag Preston

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Bearish tendencies at large in bonds market

UK GILTS have performed poorly this year in comparison with other European markets. It is very tempting to ascribe this to political factors. However, there may be another explanation: the gilt-edged market is English-speaking.

English-speaking countries have tended to underperform Germany so spreads have widened out, whereas French, Latin and Scandinavian countries have outperformed and spreads have narrowed. Indeed, in France bond investors have made capital gains this year whereas in the UK ten-year gilts have fallen 11 per cent.

There are various reasons for this. An important one is that European governments are sticking to the timetable for EMU. This has led to spreads tightening against Bunds for those countries aiming to join EMU at its inception or soon after. The markets assume that the UK is not one of these. However, the English-speaking countries also tend to perform as a bloc because they are all regarded as Anglo-Saxon with similar characteristics. There is a reasonable economic justification for this in that their economic cycles are more closely synchronised.

However, while there has been a marked divergence in performance between markets, the interlinkages have been growing tighter. This partly reflects the ongoing "globalisation" of markets, but the sudden increase in correlations between markets this year is due to a heightened level of uncertainty that is making markets very thin and more sheep-like.

But there are also underlying forces at work which are affecting all markets. All this means domestic developments are less important for all markets, not just gilts.

A similar increase in correlation between markets was observed in 1994. This can only add to the fear that 1996 could prove to be a re-run of 1994, when £100 invested in a long-dated gilt at the beginning of the year was worth only £82 by the end. Some things are different this time: the Federal Reserve has not (yet) pushed up interest rates; European interest rates are lower; and steeper yield curves make bonds look relatively more attractive.

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These differences would make one optimistic about bonds. But there is another difference, which is bearish. In marked contrast to 1994 the real money supply in the OECD area is expanding as policymakers have become determined to restore growth.

Last week's cut in the German discount rate in the face of high M3 growth was another sign that the Bundesbank is placing more emphasis on restoring the growth necessary to keep Germany on course for EMU. Because of this there is more chance of a sustained world economic recovery. And if growth does pick up it will be with less spare labour capacity in the US and the UK.

Inflation worries may be more perceived than real as the structural forces holding down global inflation remain powerful. Nevertheless, low inflation will not stop bond yields rising. Bond markets are anticipating growth will return; they are worried that since the share of wages in national output has been squeezed there will eventually be a backlash; they are worried that in spite of attempts by governments to improve public finances debt burdens have not been reduced; and worried that policymakers will allow a little more inflation as the only way of resolving the debt problem.

The UK has done considerably better than most governments in reducing its future pension liabilities and on this score it should at some stage outperform. But for the moment the UK cannot escape the developing bear market in international bonds.

Glenn Davies
Crédit Lyonnais

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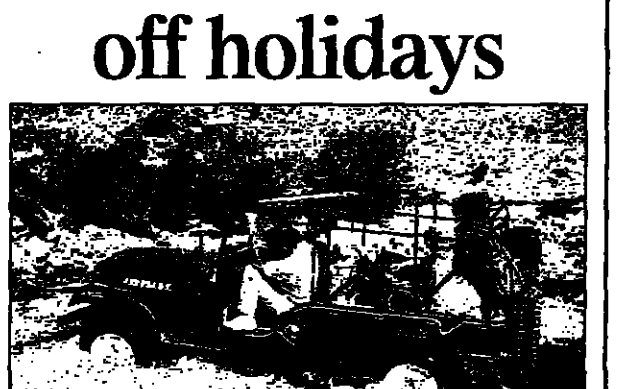

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GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Body Shop International wears its founders' values too boldly on its sleeve for my taste. That is a typically English reaction. Yet The Body Shop has flourished neither in California's liberal climate of political correctness, nor amid French intellectual confidence, but in tolerant, pragmatic just-get-on-with-it Britain.

Naturally, there is a drawback. Tolerance of any departure from the norm, let alone eccentricity, disappears as soon as company performance falters. Conformity with the City's own culture then becomes *de rigueur*, a necessary sign that the company is pulling its socks up.

Such messages have been passed, at varying volume, to companies as diverse as Amstrad, NFC and, in terms of father-to-son succession, to Hanson. Progressive Body Shop resented them so much, when its heady profit growth ran into sand, that the founding Roddicks considered taking the company private, as Amstrad's Alan Sugar vainly tried. So the "social audits" that it commissioned of itself may be written off as a diversion from controlling costs and getting the bottom line moving in the right direction again.

That would be a mistake. Admittedly, Body Shop's exercise had a marketing role. Having built its trumpeted social, environmental and trade values into its brand name, it was in double trouble when critics claimed it did not put them into practice. The "audit", based on attitude interviews with employees, customers, suppliers, franchisees and shareholders, as much as facts, was meant to validate its reputation. It gained wider value because the company had the courage to twin its internal audit with a separate, truly independent one that carried far greater risk, as well credibility.

The Roddicks gave *carte blanche* to a specialist business academic from Stanford. The result was instructive. Although both studies found roughly the same strengths and weaknesses, the external audit was more critical. The report — though, on balance, reassuring — turned into an agenda for board action. It should help long-term trading, as well as social concerns not shared by all.

If Body Shop found its "stakeholders" less admiring than it thought, how much more is this likely to be true of the average big company, which devotes far less self-conscious effort to the fine ideals of its now-inevitable mission statement. How often one hears directors who are shocked at the low esteem that their efforts, and conduct, earn. Managers often assume, for instance, that a lack of strikes means that their employees are broadly content. They are hurt when they discover, by accident or via some survey, that employees who fear for their jobs, have to work longer hours, and have seen their pay lag economic recovery, are just as discontented.

Tony Blair's new Labour takes care not to antagonise big business or financial markets. Only in City and competition regulation, where widely agreed reform is being held back, are specifics promised. If Labour came to office, however, pressure for change would be intense, from a variety of sources.

Corporate Governance Matters, a Fabian Society pamphlet by Austin Mitchell, MP, and Professor Prem Sikka, gives a flavour of one. It proposes a strangulating network of public interest regulation and entrenched stakeholder influence that would have many a company director rushing to the EU Social Chapter in relief. As so often with these indefatigable authors, however, there are nuggets of uncomfortable truth behind the overstatement.

The Cadbury reforms of the boardroom have worked in a more incestuous way than intended. As a result, boards have taken on a culture even narrower than before on important subjects such as investment and job-cutting, as well as on relatively trivial but political ones such as executive pay.

Most of all, the culture of City fund managers has mesmerised boards, based on the takeover bid both as weapon of control and as low-risk alternative to investment. The only reason you no longer hear many business complaints about City short-termism is that the quoted sector has surrendered unconditionally to it — except where management has voting control.

This trend was illustrated by power and water utilities. They balanced different interests quite well, with the help of regulation, until takeover protection ran out, whereupon the culture of fund managers became supreme and they started milking their cash like there was no tomorrow, let alone the day after tomorrow, and upset customers and employees.

In the past, Labour in office has been so keen on creating industrial champions that its supposed hostility to takeover bids has never come to much. Business should, however, prepare for alternative forms of discipline to the ubiquitous bid. The continental models symbolised by the Social Chapter are one, the stakeholding ideas of British reformers, inadvertently boosted by Mr Blair's use of the term, are another.

Candid external social audits, on the Body Shop model could provide a valuable education for boards now blinkered by the City culture. Unlike Body Shop, however, managers might be wiser to keep the first embarrassing results to themselves.

Lessons for Labour from Asia

A visit to the Far East during the Easter recess was a journey of discovery, says

Peter Mandelson

Peter Mandelson found the English language was the most important factor in attracting investment from Asia

By all accounts, Michael Heseltine was terribly pleased with himself when he stood in at Prime Minister's Questions last Thursday and jeered at me over my Far East visit. Why the Deputy Prime Minister should be so amused by the fact that a North East MP chose to spend his Easter finding out about the Asian economic miracle is beyond me. Perhaps he has forgotten Samsung's £450 million investment on Hartlepool's border, which is strange given the credit he claimed for it at the time.

Britain's economic performance in the last decade and a half has not been so brilliant by any comparison (internationally or against our postwar record) for any politician to afford to laugh. We all have a lot to learn from Asia's achievements and I was glad to travel and inquire (thanks to the enlightened attitude of Barclays Bank, which invited me to meet many of its Asian corporate customers to talk about trade and investment prospects under a Labour government). What were the lessons I came home with from the dialogue I enjoyed?

Eclipsing all others is the Asian achievement of sustaining local cohesion alongside rapid economic change. Outside the region, some have the impression that the success of the "tiger" economies is based on sweatshop labour producing cheap, bargain-basement goods, with huge profits and vast wealth for a few being earned through exploitation of the many. This is a false picture.

Of course, profits are substantial and there are some very rich entrepreneurs, but what's wrong with that? The difference between many Asian countries and Britain is that, among the tiger economies, inequalities of wealth and income do not coexist with the denial of opportunity and social cohesion that so many in Britain experience.

The reason for this is a conscious attempt by governments such as those in Japan, Korea and Singapore, to give their workforce a stake in the country's economic success — both at the workplace and in society. This does not mean it is the role of government to guarantee job security or preserve jobs that no longer have any economic purpose (a lesson now absorbed by new Labour). But it is the job of government to provide people with secure modernised social insurance, high-quality education and health services, as well as bolstering family life, on which they can depend. It is on this foundation of security, and the celebrated Asian open and more egalitarian style of management, that their exciting rates of economic change have taken place.

Instead of people resisting economic and employment change for fear of the loss and isolation it will bring, more intelligent Asian policies and attitudes have encouraged a positive willingness to adapt by individuals. In practice, this means governments willing to accept their responsibility for investment in human capital in return for individual commitment to the market economy and business success. This, incidentally, is not achieved with low or falling public expenditure as a proportion of GDP. It is true that in Singapore the proportion of GDP is only 18 per cent. But compulsory savings there are levied on employers and employees to the tune of 40 per cent of earnings for people under 55 and these funds are used to cover, among other things, pensions, healthcare, house purchase and further education (an interesting welfare model for Britain, albeit a very hard one to introduce now). In Taiwan in the 1980s, the Government's share of GDP rose from 25 to 33 per cent in a decade that saw its economy grow nearly 8 per cent a year. Unlike in Britain, Asian tigers have spent more on public service and infrastructure as their economies have grown without increasing tax.

They have benefited from a virtuous circle of investment, widening skills, rising incomes, savings growth and further investment. The opposite has happened in Britain, where enormous amounts have been wasted on unemployment — so much for the Conservative myth that our economy has become more successful as it has become more like those of Asia-Pacific. For some old thinkers in the Labour Party, of course, certain lessons of Asia-Pacific will be as difficult to swallow as others are important for the Tory Party to acknowledge. Foremost is an unambiguous commitment to backing entrepreneurial flair — and its rewards — and rejecting the corporatist notion that, by sitting around a table with an agenda of business problems, national representatives of "both sides" of industry can somehow find the solutions.

It is true that in many Asian countries there has been a highly regulated, almost bureaucratic approach by government to promoting manufacturing, which worked well in the early stages of economic development. Powerful linkages between finance and business, underpinned by the constant fostering of a long-term industrial view, has long been an important — and too frequently shunned — model for Britain to follow. But this was never a substitute for strong, enterprise-based management dedicated to constant, market-driven technological innovation and sophisticated research and development shrewdly anticipating customer wants and needs. This is the real key to Asian success. In any case, in Japan and Korea, for example, there is now consensus that industrial deregulation and liberalising competition are essential for further economic advance. A strong commitment to competition can become unsettling and uncomfortable for management and workforce alike, but what is the alternative if companies are to be kept on their toes?

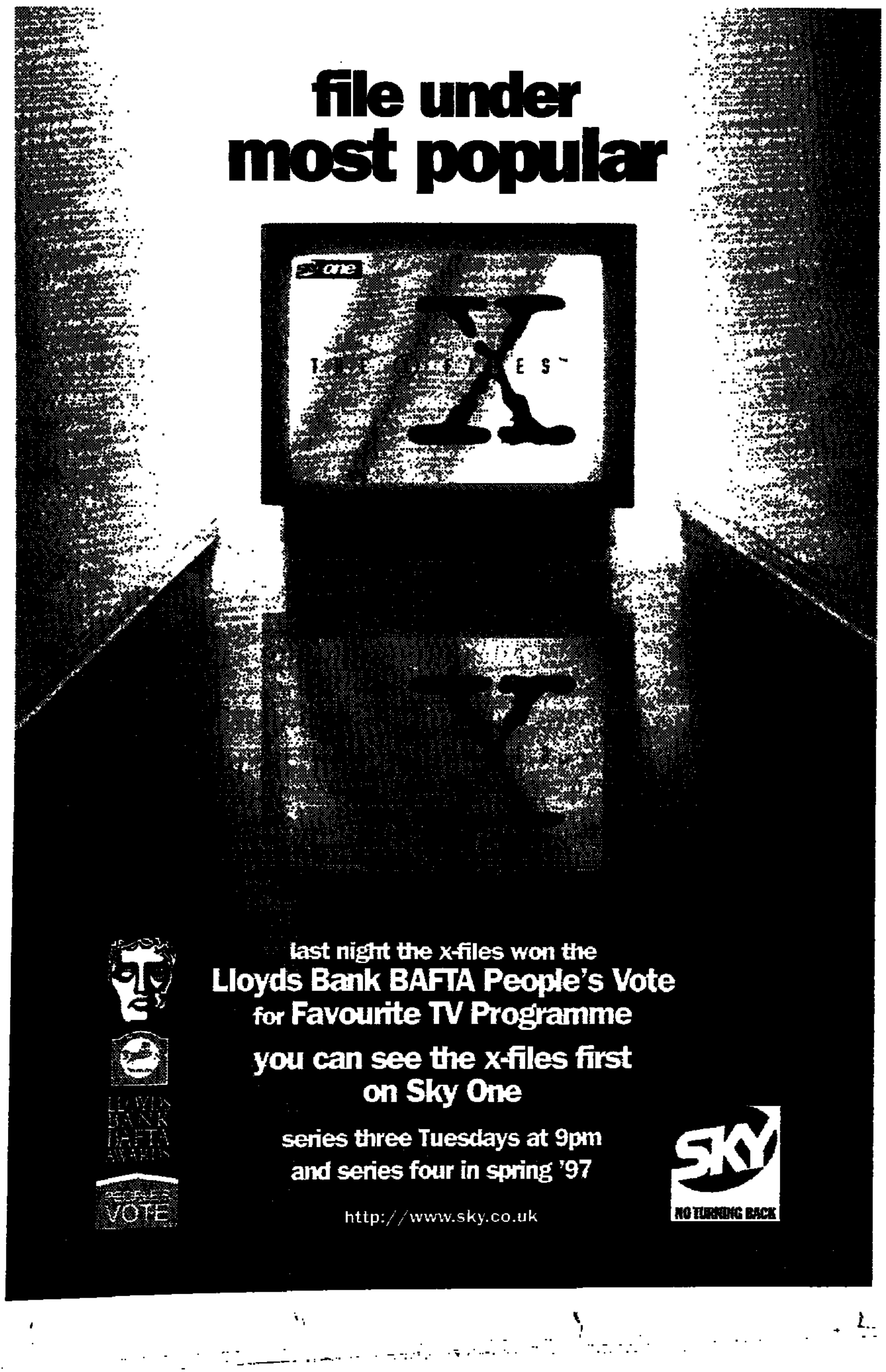
The Asian approach to labour market regulation is also instructive. Comparisons and lessons are more difficult in this area, but two observations are worth making. The Asian economies, in general, do not confuse labour flexibility with low wages, poor standards of employment and a refusal to deal with trade unions. As one senior Korean executive remarked to me, against a background of rising labour costs in his country, "we don't mind paying more as long as the costs are genuinely earned and labour is adaptable". The related observation, nonetheless, is that labour and social costs are fundamental to competitiveness. The same Korean executive complained of the high costs of the social security system in Germany, where his company has made a major investment. Tony Blair was right in his recent New York speech to rule out the introduction of similar German costs for Britain, an issue, it should be noted, which is quite separate from the Social Chapter.

Asian tigers have spent more on public service and infrastructure without increasing tax

Nobody could deny that some Conservative ministers have worked hard to attract inward Asian investment to Britain. My impression is that their efforts have been well-supported by a more commercially minded diplomatic service. A Labour government needs to intensify this overseas activity as a high priority. But it was clear to me throughout my journey of discovery what is the most important factor in attracting investment from Asia: the English language. Spreading the word is Britain's secret weapon.

Expanding the activities of the BBC and the British Council around the world, and recruiting more foreign students to our higher education establishments, are essential economic policies for Britain.

☐ *Peter Mandelson is MP for Hartlepool and Opposition spokesman on the Civil Service.*



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Paradise lost for campers

This Must be the Place. *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

Here's a little gem, an affectionate lament for the passing of Butlins camp in Filey, once one of the world's biggest holiday complexes. It was bulldozed to the ground in 1989. Presenter Nick Baker says that going on holiday there was like going to heaven without first having to die. One thing did die there, though. Charlie the Elephant, the kiddies' favourite, suffered greatly from flatulence. Wags estimated that his very audible raspberries travelled at gale-force speed. When his *mahout* died, Charlie was inconsolable. He was put down — aptly, some say — with a lorry's exhaust fumes. And so Filey Camp and Charlie shared the same fate. Both are gone with the wind.

Hoagy's Jazz. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*

Not that I detected any, but there wouldn't have been any excuse for factual or critical lapse in Mel Hill's four-part life of Hoagy Carmichael, composer and singer of hugely popular songs such as *Stardust* and *Thanks for the Memory*. As well as two volumes of autobiography there are countless recordings. Hill and his producer Derek Drescher have worked together before, exploring the talent, times and inspirational sources of American jazz celebrities, and *Hoagy's Jazz* is the latest example of their mutually beneficial partnership. Carmichael recordings we hear today include *Washboard Blues* with the Whiteman Band and an early Carmichael idol, Bix Beiderbecke.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Clive Warren **6.30** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** In Concert: R Kelly and D'Angelo recorded last year at Wembley Arena **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Judi Spiers **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn from Florida **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Malcolm Laycock, incl **8.00** Big Ban Era and at **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Radio Days **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl **10.35** News from Europe; **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl **12.34pm** Moneycheck, and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.05** Actuality **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Wembley Winners. FA Cup 1971 — Liverpool v Arsenal **8.00** The European Football Show. A studio discussion from Amsterdam on the state of the game in the Netherlands **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.30am The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Soundbyte **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** The Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News in German **9.15** Fine Tuning **9.45** Mastersingers **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Anything Goes **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Omnibus **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Andy Kershaw **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** In Good Voice **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack: Hit List **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Medicine Cabinet **10.45** Anyfacts **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Record News **12.30** Multitrack: Hit List **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Global Concerns **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** World of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Meridian **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Celebrity Choice (r) **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes, Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in F, Op 7 No 10); Nielsen (Symphony No 4, Inextinguishable); Gabrieli (Magnificat a 17); Schnittke (Music for an Imaginary Play); Handel (Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 1); Dohnanyi (Rhapsody in F sharp minor, Op 11 No 2)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Mozart (Serenata in D, K 239, Serenata Notturna); Puccini (Donde lieta usci, Mimi's Farewell from La Bohème); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C)
10.00 Musical Encounters with Stephanie Hughes. Includes, Foulds (Overture: La Cabaret) **10.05** *Artists of the Week:* The Sixteen under Harry Christophers. Davy (In honore summae matris) **10.45** Dohnanyi, arr Sitkovetsky (Serenade in C); Tippett (Five Spirituals, A Child of Our Time); Scarlatti (Sonata in F sharp minor, Kk25)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Karol Szymanowski. Prelude, Op 1 No 2; Etude, Op 4 No 1; Etude, Op 4 No 3; Violin Sonata; Concert Overture
1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Christoph Pregardien, tenor, Andreas Staier, fortepiano. Schubert (An Schwager Kronos; Meeres Stille, D 216, Versunken; Ganymed; Erster Verlust; Der Musensohn); Schumann (Dichterliebe)
2.00 Schools The Song Tree **2.15** Story Box **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama
3.00 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic under Barry Wordsworth. Tchaikovsky (Overture: Romeo and Juliet) **3.20** My Friendship with Rubinstein. Excerpts from the letters of Saint-Saëns **3.25** Concert Part 2. Saint-Saëns (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor; Symphony No 3 in C minor, Organ)
4.30 Hoagy's Jazz. See Choice
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.15 In Tune with Jeremy Nicholas. Including, Haydn (Piano Trio in B flat, H XV 20); Poulenc (Concerto in G minor for organ, strings and timpani)
7.30 The Sibelius Symphonies. The final concert in the series, introduced by Michael Oliver. Pohjola's Daughter; Symphony No 6; Symphony No 5
9.10 Epics of Everyday Life. Elaine Claxton reads an account of the break-up of the Soviet Union (1/4)
9.30 The Grandeur of God. The BBC Singers under Stephen Cleobury perform settings of verse by Gerard Manley Hopkins (r)
10.00 Ensemble. Beethoven (Sonata in E minor, Op 90); Chopin (Barcarolle in F sharp, Op 60); Ravel (Une barque sur l'ocean); Prokofiev (Sonata No 3 in A minor)
10.45 Mixing It, with Mark Russell
11.30 Composer of the Week: Claude Debussy (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes in New York. Digby Fairweather presents four Jazz portraits starting with the bassist Milt Hinton
1.00-2.00 Night School

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, inc **7.25, 8.25** Sports News, **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Beyond the Millennium (2/6) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week. Melvyn Bragg's guests include Sir Ian McKellen and Peter Stanford
10.00 News; Big Bang (FM only). In the last of the series, Jez Nelson previews the Brain Opera
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi
12.25pm Counterpoint 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Sisters of the Sciennes, by Donald Campbell. The story of the women widowed by the Battle of Flodden Field (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker talks to the saxophonist Jan Garbarek
4.45 Short Story: The Key, by Diane Langford. A long-suffering wife finds the key to some of her mean husband's secrets - and much more besides
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz. Barry Took's last edition as chairman, with Francis Wheen, Andy Hamilton, Roy Hattersley and *Times* columnist, Alan Coren (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper examines the decline in the British hop industry (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Blood Wedding, by Fredrico Garcia Lorca. Set in Cuba's African community at the turn of the century. A widow, whose eldest son and husband were both killed in feuds, discovers her only living son wishes to marry. With Carmen Munro, Akim Mogaji and Marianne Jean-Baptiste
9.15 This Must Be The Place. See Choice
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Shropshire Lad. By A.E. Housman. Derek Jacobi reads the first instalment of this collection of poems (1/5)
11.00 Tinniswood About . . . (FM only). Libraries. The first of four programmes in which Peter Tinniswood reflects on personal pleasures (r)
11.00 Education Matters (LW only)
11.30 Uncle Dynamite (FM only). By P.G. Wodehouse (5/6) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00 News inc **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Lipstick on the Host, written by Aidan Mathews. Read by Pauline McLynn (1/7) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2. **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **TALK RADIO UK.** MW 1053, 1089. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson**

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A birthday surprise for everybody to enjoy

The Queen had made it clear. Her 70th birthday was, on no account, to be marked by "fuss" — no massed bands, no fly-pasts, not even Cliff Richard singing *Congratulations* outside Buckingham Palace. Well, she may be Queen, but she will not be the last reluctant birthday girl to have her wishes ignored.

The BBC listened but it did not obey. It bowed respectfully ("quite right, Ma'am, no fuss, excellent idea"), walked carefully backwards and, with a conspiratorial smile on its corporate face, went off to prepare a little birthday surprise. And **Princess to Queen** (BBC1, Sunday) was a surprise. It was a delight.

Not just a "ooh, isn't she lovely" sentimental sort of delight, but a clever, thoughtful, well-structured delight that performed as well as a history lesson as it did as a birthday present. That the programme succeeded so impressively was largely down to two key decisions.

The first was to concentrate on the first 25 years of the Queen's life, which at a stroke excluded all the tediously well-trodden domestic drama of more recent years. The second was to get Ludovic Kennedy to write and deliver the narration.

An individual less inclined to fawning than Kennedy it is difficult to imagine and his script struck an admirably detached tone. It was affectionate (it was her birthday, after all) without ever being naïve or sentimental; it was respectful without ever pretending that there weren't one or two rather serious problems around. Kennedy told it as he saw it rather than telling it as he thought it ought to be told, avoiding the sort of instant posterity clap-trap that so many of his predecessors have succumbed to. The grovelling of one particular *Movietone* commentator was dismissed almost wearily: "This sort of gush was par for the course in those days."

This sort of gush is rapidly becoming par for the course for this review, but at the risk of turning heads, I shall press on. Rarely can the archives have been be raided so rewardingly, with wonderful home movie footage of King George VI and his family intercut with newsreel of the big occasions — funerals, coronations and, of course, the abdication. Funny how you forget just how important that was.

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Rather refreshingly, the programme made no attempt to establish where "it all went wrong", although Kennedy, I thought, dropped one or two clues. The Queen's father he clearly considered a good thing, a dutiful and caring family man, but as for her husband... Well, let us just say the story of how Philip Mountbatten was nearly Philip Oldcastle was told with relish.

A huddle of royal biographers chipped in to good effect and John Keane showed that the music for such programmes doesn't have to be all pomp and circumstance. At the end of a hugely enjoyable hour, Kennedy concluded — to nobody's great surprise — that as long the Crown rested on the Queen's head, the monarchy was secure. Me, I was working on a rather different theory — that the start of the royal family's problems seemed to coincide with the arrival of colour television. Monarchies are definitely best in monochrome.

Further credence to this theory was given by ITV's contribution to the big day, **Happy Birthday Ma'am**. The sepia-tinted years that the BBC had just lavished an hour on, ITV crammed into two-and-a-half minutes, leaving plenty of time for famous people to tell their favourite Queen anecdote — in full colour, of course.

Trevor McDonald popped up briefly to remind us that the Queen was "the most famous woman in the world" and then left it to others to take it from there. We began at a suitably distinguished level, with warm words from former President George Bush, but as soon as he was followed by Sir Harry Secombe ("when she smiles, I'd climb Everest for her") and Sir Edmund Hillary (who actually had) you knew that Sir Cliff Richard would not be far behind. He wasn't.

Two things, however, rescued the programme from turning into a succession of *A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to My Investiture* stories. The first was a quite extraordinary, stage-whispered contribution from Baroness Thatcher, recalling the Queen's worries about the Duke of York serving in the Falklands: "She had the same concerns as every other mother." The second was a splendid but brief collection of royal jokes. Five in 44 years may be spreading it thin, but the deadpan delivery is coming on a treat.

For **FDR** (BBC2, Saturday) the recipe was pretty much the same as it had been for *Princess to Queen*: biographers, relatives and family friends assembled to chronicle the life and times of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But they laboured, at least for this opening instalment, under one important disadvantage (two if you count some strange oom-pah-pah music). While much of the Queen's early life was captured in home movies, Roosevelt's immensely privileged upbringing in the Hudson valley was caught in formally posed stills. There is only so much fun in leafing through somebody else's photo album.

But while the fun may have been limited there was, once again, a huge amount of history to be learnt or recalled. "No one ever imagined he would be President," said one elderly gent whose grandfather had been at Harvard with Roosevelt. Not even when they realised that his cousin Theodore already had the job? After all, that's the first law of democracy, isn't it? Keep it in the family.

- *Lynne Truss is on holiday*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (Ceefax) (25984)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (16445)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (7640280)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7700342)

9.45 Kilroy (s) (1933735)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday family magazine (s) (19209)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6636445) **12.05 World Championship Snooker** (s) (8414735)

12.35pm Going for Gold (s) (3565193)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (19532) **1.30 Regional News** and weather (94207990)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (44316754)

2.00 Columbo (s) (38321)

3.30 Playdays (r) (s) (1455648) **3.50 Bodger and Badger** (r) (s) (7472822) **4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (r) (1009303) **4.10 Fudge** (Ceefax) (s) (2645735) **4.35 F.O.T.** (Ceefax) (s) (9244445) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (1757396) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (1873700)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (712938)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax); weather (209)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (261)

7.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith is joined by Greg Proops, Kazia Pelka, Judy Flynn and Lee Hurst (Ceefax) (s) (4551)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck. Includes an unusual American custody battle, and Bob Hoskins appeals for more donors to join the bone marrow register (Ceefax) (s) (445)

8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (7071)

8.30 Crime Beat. Martyn Lewis reveals one of the ways in which large and small groups of people are fighting back against villains; and there is a report on how architects are joining forces with police and crime prevention officers to "design out crime" (Ceefax) (s) (9006)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax); regional news and weather (6236)

9.30 Panorama. Investigating the dangers of medical radiation (Ceefax) (835303)

10.10 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Includes a look at *Birdcage*, a reworking of *La Cage aux Folles* starring Robin Williams and Gene Hackman; Ian McKellen's *Richard III* set in the 1930s; and *Mary Reilly* with Julia Roberts and John Malkovich; and the cult status being conferred on the critically-mauled *Showgirls*. (Ceefax) (s) (152782) **N.I.: 10.10** Room for Improvement **10.40** Film 96 **11.10** Omnibus **12.10-1.55am** The George Raft Story

10.40 Omnibus: Written on Water: a Film about Budapest (Ceefax) (s) (988984)

11.40 FILM: Major League (1989) with Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen, Corbin Bernsen, Margaret Whitton, James Gammon and Rene Russo. The Cleveland Indians, a misfit baseball team of bungling amateurs and athletes past their prime, finds themselves on a winning streak. Directed by David Ward (383551)

1.20am Weather (7424694)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Engineering Mechanics (7474990) **6.25** Just in Time? (1284700)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (4554990)

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (Ceefax) (37938) **8.00 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (24025) **8.30 Songs of Praise** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9923984)

9.05 Zig Zag (7647193) **9.25** Movable Feasts (4031174) **9.40** Le Café des Rêves (6465087) **10.00** Playdays (r) (s) (6628551) **10.25** Hotch Potch House (s) (5854377) **10.45** Look and Read Special (s) (1801087) **11.05** Zig Zag: An African Country (s) (5257613) **11.25** Revista (s) (9999629) **11.40** The Geography Collection (s) (6368919) **12.05pm** The History Collection (s) (3549445)

12.30 Working Lunch (55483)

1.00 History File (s) (86706174) **1.20 Landmarks**(Ceefax) (s) (86726938)

1.40 Storytime (s) (44314396) **2.00 Brum** (r) (57797700)

2.10 World Championship Snooker. Action from the third day of the championships from the Crucible, Sheffield. Includes **3.00, 3.50** News, regional news and weather (10974735)

6.00 FILM: Gun Fury (1953) with Rock Hudson and Lee Marvin. When his fiancée is kidnapped by outlaw Frank Slayton during a stagecoach hold-up, rancher Ben Warren and Slayton's embittered ex-partner set out on their trail. Directed by Raoul Walsh (2842803)

7.20 Gower's Cricket Monthly. David Gower presents a magazine programme which mixes news, interviews and features on the serious and light-hearted sides of the game of cricket (707803)

The conned Terry Cohn (8.00pm)

8.00 The Search for the Silver Arrow (s) (9193)

9.00 World Championship Snooker. David Vine introduces continued coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield (s) (596551)

9.45 This Life: Family Outings. Drama series about five friends who live and work together. Warren fears that Kira might try to "out" him to the rest of the family, Anna tries her hand at marriage guidance and Miles beats his father at his own game (Ceefax) (s) (578716)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (886667)

11.15 World Championship Snooker. David Vine introduces highlights of today's play including the conclusion of the Davis v Thorne match. Includes a chance to see how Crucible first-timer Anthony Hamilton is faring aginst Nigel Bond, last year's runner-up in the championship (s) (461532)

12.00 Midnight Hour. Late-night political chat show (87830)

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

The Search for the Silver Arrow
BBC2, 8.00pm

This is Prince Edward's television week. Tomorrow sees the start of his two-part documentary about the Duke of Windsor. Meanwhile *The Search for the Silver Arrow* is a special from the *Top Gear* team, made by Prince Edward's company, Ardent Productions. It is quite a tale. The Mercedes W154 Silver Arrow, one of the great racing cars, was built in Nazi Germany. It was produced in small numbers and few survived the Second World War. In 1988 a millionaire businessman, Terry Cohn, discovered one in Ceausescu's Romania and was happy to meet the $2 million asking price. But he was swindled out of his money and never got the car. The missing vehicle is finally tracked down, but not before the film has revealed an amazing web of double-dealing with links to organised crime.

Rescue: The Golden Hour
Channel 4, 9.00pm

With 35 dead and 500 injured, the Clapham train crash of November 1988 is an unlikely candidate for a positive message. Yet this film is able to find one. To make the point it goes back to an even worse train accident, the Harrow horror of 1952 in which 112 people died. Then the policy of the ambulance service was "scoop and run". With little training or expertise, crews simply picked up the wounded and took them to the nearest hospital. Scoop and run remained the practice for another 30 years but critics said that people were dying needlessly while waiting for attention. The rival approach was to treat victims on the spot. The "golden hour" after the accident was seen to be vital. Ambulance drivers became paramedics and teams of doctors were rushed to the scene. The Clapham casualty toll was bad enough, but it could have been even worse.

An Inspector Calls: Hotel Check
Channel 4, 9.30pm

Jayne Wyatt and Richard Stirling work for the Automobile Association and their job is to check out the hotels, farmhouses and bed and breakfasts which appear in the AA's guides. Wyatt does her work undercover, checking in as Mrs Lawless and revealing herself to the manager only after she has discovered the snags. Stirling's visits (when he can actually find the places: a running joke) are completely open. He is a friendly, chatty character and impeccably polite, even when he is being critical. Wyatt says that despite appearances, staying in the best hotels is hard work. As she slogs through yet another meal, sensitive about the four stones she has put on since becoming an inspector, you almost believe her. While she ponders whether to award the London Waldorf an extra rosette, Stirling has got himself lost again in the lanes of Devon.

Omnibus: Written on Water
BBC1, 10.40pm

Michael Frayn adds a personal portrait of Budapest to a distinguished series of city profiles that has previously included Berlin, Prague and Vienna. The history of Budapest, Frayn declares, is written in water and it gives him a useful framing device. He is talking not only of the Danube, which for centuries ensured that Buda and Pest were separate entities, but of the city's spas, steam baths and swimming pools. Frayn's other theme is the dream of Hungarians, only rarely achieved in 1,100 years, of being their own masters. With a light touch, and a wide cultural sweep, Frayn chronicles foreign invaders from the Mongols to the Soviet Union. "The Hungarians are said to be a melancholy people" he muses. "I wonder why?"

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (5204416)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7881261)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6532700)

10.00 The Time... The Place (s) (2218193)

10.35 This Morning (44018193)

12.20pm Regional News (r) (6632629)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3551990)

12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3576209) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (5792551) **2.00 Home and Away** (Teletext) (s) (54405716) **2.25 Chain Letters** (Teletext) (s) (54417551) **2.50 Garden Calendar** (Teletext) (4753025)

3.20 News (Teletext) (7518280)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7517551)

3.30 Caribou Kitchen (s) (8653735)

3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (7478006) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (r) (s) (8657551) **4.05 Scooby Doo** (r) (s) (2659938) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (s) (2635358) **4.50 The Big Bang** (Teletext) (s) (8083071)

5.10 The List (9977862)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (221261)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (701483)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (871716)

6.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (744358)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Guests include stand-up comic Tim Vine and hula hoop artist Denise Garcia, Bradley Walsh and Linda Lusardi (s) (6919)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (613)

8.00 World in Action. A special report on trust. (Teletext) (s) (5667)

8.30 Police, Camera, Action! The Liver Run. Alastair Stewart narrates a 29-mile journey across London for a lifesaving liver operation (Teletext) (s) (4174)

Connolly and Redgrave (9.00pm)

9.00 Bramwell. When Eleanor applies for a part-time job, she comes face to face with the charismatic Dr O'Neill, played by Andrew Connolly (Teletext) (s) (6483)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (22667)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (330071)

10.40 Ballot Box. Young people who will vote for the first time at the next general election cross-examine MPs on topical issues (487880)

11.40 Good Advice(r) (751700)

12.10 Bushell on the Box (s) (1333897)

12.40am Football Extra (6882385)

1.25 Customs Classified (6146472)

2.15 Jones and Jury (s) (8720946)

2.40 FILM: Between Two Brothers (1982) with Michael Brandon and Pat Harrington. Drama about the lives of two brothers. Directed by Robert M. Lewis (641033)

4.20 ITV Sport Mini Classics (29542255)

4.30 The Time... the Place (r) (s) (62965)

5.00 An Invitation to Remember (r) (47168)

5.30 Morning News (82385)

As HTV WEST except:

2.50pm-3.20 Cat Crazy (4753025)

5.10-5.40 Onstage Backstage (9977862)

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (969396)

10.40 Classical Gas (487880)

11.40 Artyfax (751700)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25-12.30 My Story (6640648)

12.55 Coronation Street (3576209)

1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (79992445)

1.55 Home and Away (68929700)

2.25 Check It Out! (54408803)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (5711880)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9977862)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (54700)

10.40 The West at Work - Focus (808938)

11.10 Street Legal (671822)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (3576209)

1.25 Chain Letters (79992445)

1.55 A Country Practice (44397629)

2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (3687754)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9977862)

6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (969396)

10.40 Sport in Question (487880)

11.40 World Championship Boxing (829532)

1.25am Hotel Babylon (4104120)

2.50 Jones and Jury (4359149)

3.15 Film: Gorgo (8494762)

4.30 Jobfinder (9361410)

5.20 Asian Eye (1822878)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Chain Letters (3576209)

1.25 Home and Away (79992445)

1.55 A Country Practice (68929700)

2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (5851193)

5.10 Home and Away (9977862)

5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - the Listings (413716)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (377)

6.30-7.00 Country Ways (629)

10.40 The Pier (885087)

11.05 The Listings (680193)

11.10 Meridian Works (795984)

11.40 Beyond Reality (751700)

5.00am Freescreen (47168)

S4C

Starts: 6.40 Super Dave (7165700) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (32483) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (35236) **9.30 Film: Hollywood Cavalcade** (44056938) **11.15 A Blink of Paradise** (9815613) **11.30 The Pink Panther Show** (8366551) **11.50 Terrytoons** (2702919) **12.00 Right to Reply** (12280) **12.30 Alfred J. Kwak** (40551) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (39342) **1.30 Terrytoons** (94214280) **1.45 Film: Suez** (90220342) **3.30 The Greatest** (735) **4.00 Jimmy's** (342) **4.30 Fruity Stories** (754) **5.00 5 Pump: Pwt a Parddu** (1740006) **5.10 5 Pump: Ffeil** (8998209) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (826) **6.00 Newyddion** (167025) **6.15 Heno** (678532) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (250303) **7.25 Taro Naw** (247006) **8.00 Jabas** (3209) **8.30 Newyddion** (2716) **9.00 Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth** (6754) **9.30 Lost Contact** (37087) **10.00 Sgorio** (3179648) **11.05 Roseanne** (890483) **11.35 NYPD Blue** (110396) **12.30am Danube Blues** (82897) **1.00 Celebrity Inn** (6150897)

6.40am Super Dave (r) (7165700)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (32483)

9.00 The Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (35236)

9.30 FILM: Hollywood Cavalcade (1939, b/w) with Alice Faye as a Broadway understudy who becomes a Hollywood silent film star. Directed by Irving Cummings (44056938)

11.15 A Blink of Paradise (r) (9815613)

11.30 Bush Tucker Man (r) (4919) **12.00 Right to Reply** (r) (Teletext) (s) (12280) **12.30pm Sesame Street** (r) (31006) **1.30 Wowser** (68015551) **1.55 Pete Smith Specialties** (b/w) (44215071)

2.20 FILM: Innocents in Paris (1953, b/w) with Alastair Sim, Ronald Shiner, Margaret Rutherford, Laurence Harvey and Claire Bloom. Comedy about a disparate group of Britons on a weekend trip to Paris. Directed by Gordon Parry. (Teletext) (269735)

4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (342) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (754) **5.00 The Gaby Roslin Show** (r) (s) (6532)

6.00 The Cosby Show (r) (Teletext) (919)

6.30 Hollyoaks (Teletex) (s) (241)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (276321)

7.55 The Slot (304174)

8.00 Go Fishing. John Wilson goes boat fishing for pike in a Northamptonshire gravel pit (r) (Teletext) (s) (3209)

8.30 The Greatest. Profiles of the jockey Lester Piggott and Steve Redgrave, one of the world's top oarsmen (Teletext) (s) (2716)

9.00 Rescue. The second of a six-part series on the work of Britain's emergency services (Teletext) (s) (6754)

The hotel inspector (9.30pm)

9.30 An Inspector Calls: Hotel Check (Teletext) (s) (37087)

10.00 FILM: Near Dark (1987) with Adrian Pasdar and Jenny Wright. Horror film about a Midwestern farmboy who is introduced to the world of a gang of modern-day vampires. Directed by Kathryn Bigelow (Teletext) (s) (730025)

11.45 The Late Late Show (s) (925483)

12.50 FILM: No Big Deal (1983) with Kevin Dillon, Christopher Gartin, Mary Jane Negro and Sylvia Miles. Drama about a student malcontent whose attitude alienates all but two of his fellow students, who find out about his unhappy home and teach him that life can be enjoyed without getting into trouble. Directed by Robert Charlton (330385)

2.30am Karachi Kops. Continuing the fly-on-the-wall documentary series following life in a busy Karachi police station. This week, Inspectors Nadir and Wasim break up a gang of car thieves — but not before there is a gunfight (r) (Teletext) (19728). Ends at **3.00**

SATELLITE AND CABLE

- **For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (61919) **9.00** Press Your Luck (8360261) **9.20** Love Connection (9595990) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (1059416) **10.40** Jeopardy! (2575990) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9083822) **12.00** Beachy (89484) **1.00pm** Hotel (92984) **2.00** Geraldo (26358) **3.00** Court TV (8396) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5445938) **4.15** Undun (9092087) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9648) **6.00** The Simpsons (6071) **6.30** Jeopardy! (3651) **7.00** LAPD (5367) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9735) **8.00** Strange Luck (35667) **9.00** Police Rescue (15803) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (18990) **11.00** Melrose Place (74483) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (7951946) **12.45am** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (1632364) **1.30** Anything But Love (71236) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4856912)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
9.30am The Book Show (3929938) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (4568445) (699280) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (15193) **2.30** Parliament Live (30777) **3.30** Parliament Live (8629) **5.00** Live at Five (89735) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (11006) **7.30** Sportsline (355025) **8.10** CBS 60 Minutes (18227984) **11.30** CBS Evening News (86735) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (17526) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (3697830) **2.10** CBS 60 Minutes (1193410) **3.30** Parliament Replay (30323) **4.30** CBS Evening News (12830) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (42781)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Five Fingers (1952) (50342) **8.00 Build My Gallows High** (1947) (40938) **10.00 A Child's Cry for Help** (1994) (71445) **12.00 The Mask** (1994) (23261) **2.00pm Falso** (1980) (36342) **4.00 Mother's Day on Walton's Mountain** (1982) (7280) **6.00 A Child's Cry for Help** (1994) (77803) **7.30 Et Feature** (4803) **8.00 The Mask** (1994) (24551) **10.00 Sid School 2** (19944) (96938) **11.30 Showdown in Little Tokyo** (1991) (44735) **1.00am Ghost in the Machine** (1993) (437025) **2.35 The Substitute Wife** (1994) (4255859) **4.05-6.00 Falso** (1980)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Love Me Tender (1956) (38464) **5.30 The Big Country** (1958) (68236280) **8.15 Hell is for Heroes** (1962) (23553174) **10.00 Return from the River Kwai** (1988) (558483) **11.50 Port of Call** (1948) (194629) **1.30am Seven Angry Men** (1954) (897439) **3.10-4.05 The Kid** (1921) (6206217)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Fern the Red Deer (1977) (67938) **7.00 Mr Horatio Knibbles** (97754) **8.00 Beauty and the Beast** (1992) (98483) **9.00 Egghead's Robot** (1970) (83484) **10.00 The Little Princess** (1939) (79087) **12.00 The Magic Bubble** (1992) (21803) **2.00pm Detective Story** (1951) (34984) **4.00 Beauty and the Beast** (1992) (99416) **5.00 Egghead's Robot** (1970) (2358) **6.00 Innocent Moves** (1993) (27648) **8.00 Death of a Cheerleader** (1994) (22193) **10.00 The Dark Half** (1992) (85430025) **12.05am Irresistible Force** (1993) (5253101) **1.25 Amos and Andrew** (1992) (382158) **3.05 Innocent Moves** (1993) (356588) **4.50 Just Around the Corner** (1938) (1961236)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Muppet Babies (49202919) **6.30** Winnie the Pooh (49630822) **7.00** Ducktales (10069261) **7.30** Quack Attack (10088396) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (93177071) **8.30** Sing Me a Story with Belle (93176342) **9.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (93263822) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (99287731) **10.00** Muppet Babies (49821174) **10.30** Pooh Corner (93289006) **11.00** Winnie the Pooh (42638006) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (42839735) **12.00** Walt Disney Presents (41986764) **1.00pm** FILM: In the Nick of Time (49212396) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (80202464) **3.00** Winnie the Pooh (87513396) **3.30** Ducktales (80214209) **4.00** Quack Attack (80293718) **4.30** Chip 'n' Dale (80119700) **5.00** Boy Meets World (87412613) **5.30** Danger Bay (80205280) **6.00** Tarzan (80203193) **6.30** Dinosaurs (80294445) **7.00** Zorro (87505377) **7.30** FILM: Then There Were Giants — Part One (80218795) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs (40536223)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Marathon (88464) **8.30** Cycling (44498) **9.30** Live Tennis (9714280) **4.30pm** Live Ice Hockey (94957) **5.30** Ice Hockey (84648) **7.00** Live Ice Hockey (443938) **9.30** Tennis (48261) **10.30** Football (81803) **11.30-12.30am** Eurogolf Magazine (26377)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (10209) **7.30** Sailing — Hobie 16's (89716) **8.00** Skiff Sailing (28700) **8.30** Racing News (27071) **9.00** Aerobics Oz Style (14551) **9.30** Super League Castleford Vs Oldham (86193) **10.30** Trans World Sport (58822) **11.30** Finish Line (37551) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (98777) **12.30pm** Goals on Sunday International Preview (64209) **2.00** US PGA Golf: MCI Classic and PGA Seniors (765822) **5.00** Max Out (3629) **5.30** Snowboarding British Championships (9342) **6.00** Sports Centre (2483) **6.30** Tartan Extra (98280) **7.30** Golf — Andersen Consulting Championship Preview (9919) **8.00** Ringside Boxing on the Road (75209) **10.00** Sky Sports Centre (48236) **10.30** Tartan Extra (96735) **11.30** Golf — Andersen Consulting Championship Preview (69087) **12.00** Skiff Sailing (85856) **12.30am** Ringside Boxing on the Road (75675) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (90472)

SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00pm Dennis Taylor's Pots of Gold (3668385) **10.30** Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (9485700) **12.00-1.00am** A to Z of Sport: Athletics (4928472)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Voice of Faith with Walter Hallam **5.00** Voice of Victory with Kenneth and Gloria Copeland **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Miracles — Yesterday Today and Forever

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (8504735) **7.55** As the World Turns (1184667) **8.50** Peyton Place (3223280) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (6183385) **10.10-11.00** Another World (3769984)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (7617377) **11.30** Australia from the Outside Looking In (8475174) **12.30pm** Space of Life (1007532) **1.00** Getaway (3836483) **1.30** Great Escapes (1006803) **2.00** Trailside (4964587) **2.30** Dive the World (5304613) **3.00** Globetrotter (4943174) **3.30** Around the World... in 30 Minutes (7156396) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop (10135822)

Strange Luck — Brand new drama series (Sky One, 8.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Titanic (4947990) **6.00-7.00** Biography (1015551)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm The Tomorrow People (4968483) **7.30** Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future (5498006) **8.00** Starman (9960532) **9.00** Outer Limits (9980396) **10.00** Close **1.00am** The Six Million Dollar Man (9449101) **2.00** FILM: Vamp (6822491) **3.40-4.00** Inside Space (56884101)

TLC

9.00am Surprise Chefs **9.30** Grow Your Own **10.00** Stagestruck **10.30** Our House **11.00** Room for Improvement **11.30** Craftwise **12.00** Julia Child **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet **1.00** Yan Can Cook **1.30** Furniture to Go **2.00** Our House **2.30** Stars and Gardens **3.00** Screaming Reels **3.30-4.00** This Old House

UK GOLD

7.00am Angels (1739358) **7.30** Neighbours (1741193) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3615984) **8.30** EastEnders (3710483) **9.00** The Bill (3701735) **9.30** The Sullivans (1674990) **10.00** Secret Army (1747377) **11.00** Bullseye (7882087) **11.30** Odd One Out (9876174) **12.05pm** Sons and Daughters (23468551) **12.30** Neighbours (1685006) **1.00** EastEnders (4127193) **1.35** Sykes (2431938) **2.15** Man About the House (3187483) **2.50** Three Up, Two Down (3758342) **3.30** The Bill (8996071) **4.00** Minder (7808667) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8005975) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (9569667) **6.25** EastEnders (9758483) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (4418613) **8.00** Bullseye (8142667) **8.30** Man About the House (8121174) **9.00** Casualty (4510025) **10.00** The Bill (2681629) **10.35** The Best of Top of the Pops (2235280) **11.15** Widows (8123667) **12.15am** FILM: Terror from the Year 5000 (24359255) **1.25-3.00** Shopping at Night (2124304)

TCC

6.00am Pugwall (61280) **6.30** Degrassi Junior High (83984) **7.00** Ready or Not (15071) **7.30** California Dreams (91826) **8.00** Byker Grove (53464) **8.30** Saved by the Bell (52735) **9.00** The New Pink Panther Show (43087) **9.30** Garfield and Friends (89377) **10.00** Eek the Cat (70464) **10.30** Creepy Crawlers (69071) **11.00** Casper and Friends (70280) **11.30** Dinobabies (88209) **12.00** Barney and Friends (56551) **12.30pm** Tiny and Crew (15416) **1.30** Sesame Street (65975) **2.30** Tiny and Crew (8984) **3.00** Eek the Cat (2342) **3.30** The New Pink Panther Show (4629) **4.00** California Dreams (6464) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (2648)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Banana Sandwich (85358) **7.00** Killer Tomatoes (70321) **7.30** The Littlest Pet Shop (97358) **8.00** Wishbone (26342) **8.30** Rude Dog (25613) **9.00** Biker Mice (12193) **9.30** Clarissa (58483) **10.00** Rugrats (61445) **10.30** Aaahh!! Real Monsters (18377) **11.00** Rocko (34464) **11.30** Doug (35193) **12.00** Sister Sister (98759) **12.30pm** Pete and Pete (56071) **1.00** Capitol Critters (20862) **1.30** The Littlest Pet Shop (55342) **2.00** Wishbone (7349) **2.30** Rude Dog (9396) **3.00** Count Duckula (2754) **3.30** Mighty Max (8613) **4.00** Tales of the Cryptkeeper (6808) **4.30** Rugrats (8532) **5.00** Sister Sister (1071) **5.30** Mirror Mirror (7984) **6.00** Ren and Stimpy (1975) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1377)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (6085648) **4.30** Human Nature (6075532) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (8144025) **5.30** Voyager (6993984) **6.00** Fire (6096025) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (9603071) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (6076261) **8.00** Natural Born Killers (4598803) **9.00** Seawings (4518667) **10.00** Classic Wheels (4511754) **11.00-12.00** Sexual Imperative (1746648)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: The Captain's Paradise (4665006) **2.00pm** Return of the Saint (4573071) **3.00** Danger Man (7709700) **4.00** FILM. Brighton Rock (8130822) **6.00** The Adventures of Robin Hood (6083551) **6.30** The Time Tunnel (9703025) **7.30** Sapphire and Steel (6070087) **8.00** Return of the Saint (4592629) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (4505193) **10.00-12.00** FILM: Pascali's Island (7708071)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (4735) **7.30** Entertainment Tonight (1731) **8.00** Due South (62735) **9.00** Soap (41700) **9.30** Taxi (49735) **10.00** Frasier (48216) **10.30** The Vacant Lot (19006) **11.00** Kids in the Hall (26445) **11.30** Saturday Night Live (22551) **12.30am** Benson (57149) **1.00** Wings (75588) **1.30** Laverne and Shirley (15694) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (19507) **2.30** Saturday Night Live (71694) **3.30-4.00** The Vacant Lot (12694)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (5719483) **7.00** Esther (4904025) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (4704990) **8.30** An Englishwoman's Garden (8519358) **9.00** A Cook's Tour (8531803) **9.35** Kate and Allie (8988613) **10.05** Jerry Springer (8528938) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8005803) **11.55** Brookside (4814464) **12.30pm** Dangerous Women (9388648) **1.25** Crosswits (6656006) **2.00** Agony Hour (2319087) **3.00** Live at Three (6687261) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2171342) **4.30** Crosswits (3831280) **5.05** Lingo (18893434) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2284006) **6.00** Bewitched (2261919) **6.30** Brookside (6942483) **7.05** Food and Drink (9005349) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6898551) **8.05** Street Legal (9226667) **9.00** FILM: Elvira — Mistress of the Dark (79089025) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (3743174) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files (4980445)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Road to Avonlea (9822) **6.00** Batman (2223) **6.30** Catchphrase (7193) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9321) **7.30** The Fall Guy (98377) **8.30** Duty Free (5006) **9.00** Stay Lucky (95087) **10.00** Treasure Hunt (98174) **11.00** Sirens (41349) **12.00** The Fall Guy (52052) **1.00am** Batman (73894) **1.30** GP (51410) **2.00** Big Brother Jake (55323) **2.30** Sirens (17410) **3.30** GP (58410) **4.00-5.00** Road to Avonlea (13507)

MTV

7.30am First Look (91844) **8.00** Morning Mix Featuring Cinematic (117396) **11.00** US Top 20 Countdown (12984) **12.00** Greatest Hits (71358) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (60087) **3.00** Select MTV (84483) **4.00** Hanging Out (43396) **5.30** Dial MTV (5358) **6.00** Soap Dish (2071) **6.30** Road Rules (9551) **7.00** Hit List UK (41303) **9.00** Unplugged (69174) **9.30** Amour (81939) **10.30** The State (42358) **11.00** Yo! MTV Raps (52716) **1.00am** Night Videos (1993781) **5.00** Morning Mix (30830)

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (3835754) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (4104498) **12.00** Heart and Soul (1028025) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (1004445) **2.00** Ten of the Best: Gary Glitter (9429367) **3.00** Into the Music (1441629) **6.00** Happy Hour (1024209) **7.00** VH-1 for You (9880342) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (9973006) **10.00** The Bridge (1868303) **10.30** Planet Rock Profiles (4812225) **11.00** Tommy Vance is the Nightfly (3298919) **1.00am** Ten of the Best: UB40 (9458859) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

County music from 6am to 7pm on satellite, 24-hours on cable. Including 5.00pm Saturday Nite Dance Ranch

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (46482613) **7.30** Zee Presents (37948209) **9.00** Gujarati Serial: Narsaiyo (26844464) **9.30** Namaste India (25092025) **10.00** Urdu Serial: Chand Grehan (48563532) **11.00** Khana Khazana (68401342) **11.30** Hindi FILM: Maha Chor (19895795) **2.30pm** Buniyaad (83436919) **3.00** Flu (27385754) **3.30** Public Demand (91706735) **4.30** Junglee Toofan Tyre Puncture (83449483) **5.00** Zee Zone (27284071) **5.30** Akbar Birbal (83430735) **6.00** Usha Uthup Show (83437648) **6.30** Zee and U (83348700) **7.00** Parampara (95879025) **8.00** News (27386483) **8.30** Filmi Chakkar (27365990) **9.00** Hindi FILM (86303667) **11.30-12.00** Scandal (38386990)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm David Copperfield (1935) (98207272) **9.30 Across the Wide Missouri** (1951) (27433193) **11.00 Lost in a Harem** (1944) (25607261) **12.30am Ladies Who Do** (1964) (37605304) **2.00-5.00 David Copperfield** (1935) (29527439)

PERFORMANCE

7.00pm Red Norvo **8.00** Aria **8.30** Mozart's Requiem **9.30** Opera Stories — Falstaff **10.30** The Road to the Stamping Ground **11.30** Aria **12.00-1.00am** Hancock, Zawinul and Guida

BBC WORLD

News on the hour.
8.15am The Money Programme **9.30** Top Gear **10.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery **1.05pm** Correspondent **2.15** Business Report **2.30** Newshour Asia and Pacific **3.30** One Foot in the Past **4.15** The Money Programme **5.30** Tomorrow's World **8.05** The Money Programme **9.30** Holiday **12.10am** Newsnight **4.05** Panorama

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Eurotunnel faces pressure over debt scheduling

Morton: banks' move

By Martin Waller
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EUROTUNNEL will come under further pressure today to give details of progress in its battle with the banks over £8 billion of debt, when financial figures for 1995 are unveiled.

The market is braced for huge losses after interest payments. The City is looking for a pre-tax deficit that will be close to £900 million for the first full year of the tunnel's operation. This will come after an estimated depreciation charge of £200 million and £700 million of interest costs. The pre-tax figure will therefore mask a small cash contribution from the tunnel's operations.

Of more interest to investors, who are braced for an eventual debt-for-equity swap that will heavily dilute their holdings, is the progress of the talks with the 223-strong banking consortium. The interest standstill agreement with them expires next March, by which stage some sort of settlement must be reached. Eurotunnel is unlikely to satisfy the market's curiosity, however. Sources close to the company said there would be little to say about the state of play with the banks. Instead today's comment will concentrate on the commercial performance.

Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, is thought to believe that the next move is for the banks. They must produce a unanimous view of what they want out of any financial restructuring before negotiations can start in earnest. Many of the banks have already taken provisions against their Eurotunnel debt, in some cases of about 30 per cent, and others have sold it on at a similar discount.

Eurotunnel hopes a package can be negotiated that would allow loan repayments to be staggered and interest rates lowered. In addition, the banks would take an equity stake of as much as a third. But no agreement is likely until the autumn. "Maybe there will be some hints on the negotiations, but I really expect the talks to drag on until the end of the year," said one Paris-based analyst. Eurotunnel was playing down weekend suggestions that it might attempt to obtain a pledge from the banks that some limited dividends would be guaranteed to shareholders as part of the restructuring.

The news on the commercial front will be more positive. Car and freight passenger volumes on the Le Shuttle service have been rising in the first months of this year, and the tunnel now commands more than two fifths of all the Dover-Calais traffic. In addition, Eurotunnel will focus today on the possible benefits of the award, at the end of February, of the contract to build the high-speed rail link to the tunnel to London & Continental, a consortium that includes Richard Branson's Virgin Group.

As part of the deal L&C takes over the running of Eurostar, the cross-Channel rail service. The result is likely to be more marketing muscle to boost the service, to the advantage of Eurotunnel's revenues.

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Redwood fuels alarm over power mergers

By Christine Buckley

THE row over the shake-up in the power industry leapt firmly into the political arena last night after John Redwood attacked proposed merger moves.

With Southern Company, the giant US utility, stalking National Power, the UK's largest generator, and the Government close to a decision on whether National and its smaller rival PowerGen can take over two regional electricity companies, Mr Redwood became the first senior Tory to speak out against industry consolidation.

On BBC2's *The Money Programme* last night, the former Welsh Secretary and party leadership contender bolstered cross-party concern over amalgamation in the power industy, which has been thrown into sharper focus by the arrival of Southern as a predator.

Warning against the move on National Power by the US company, which already owns Sweb, the regional electricity company, Mr Redwood said: "If you allow this one you have to allow others, and then you reach a point where there isn't any longer enough competition to drive prices down." His comments came amid a growing belief that Houston Industries, a Texas utility, will bid for London Electricity.

Mr Redwood, a right-wing, free-market enthusiast, added to concerns voiced by John Battle, Shadow Energy minister, who told the programme that he would block a bid for National Power by Southern. As an under-secretary in the Department of Trade and Industry, Mr Redwood helped to shape the privatisation of the industry.

After the programme, Mr Redwood said that a policy to ensure competition in the industry had been needed before last year's round of takeovers. "The more bids that are on the table, the more difficult it gets. We should have had a framework last year but at least we can have one now," he said.

Mr Redwood's comments will increase the intense pressure on Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, as he prepares a ruling on the proposed takeovers of Southern Electric (UK) by National Power, and Midlands Electricity by PowerGen. Although the bids have the support of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, they have been criticised within the industry by companies fearing a strengthening of the generators' already dominant position, and by the electricity regulator.

Meanwhile, details are imminent of a conditional bid by National Power for Southern Electric (UK). Talks continued over the weekend as the generator tries to rush through a bid that would help to form a defence against the bid on itself by Southern (US).

A swift deal could help to fend off Southern (US) by helping to persuade shareholders that a UK merger made more sense. In addition, if Southern (US) chose to try for National Power with Southern (UK) it would face a certain MMC referral.

Many believe that the ultimate goal for Southern (US) is to capture National Power, Southern (UK) and retain a controlling interest in Sweb. However, it is not certain that it would want to pay the price for Southern (UK) that National may have to stump up to push through a speedy deal. It is thought that National will pay about £9.50p a share, against Friday's market price of £8.59p, in a cash and special dividend package.

Southern (US) has still to follow its statement last Wednesday that it wanted to combine its business with that of National. Tom Boren, chief executive of Southern's overseas division, was in London last night and the company is expected to react once National reveals its deal with Southern (UK).

Richard Wood, managing director of English Hop Products, of Paddock Wood, Kent, whose company has won a Queen's Award for Export Achievement for selling hops and hop products overseas. The hops have been particularly successful in America, selling to specialist "micro-breweries". Awards, pages 20-23

City sees Rentokil as bid battle winner

By Our Deputy City Editor

THE City is expecting the biggest takeover battle now running to end in a win for the bidder on Friday. BET, the services combine, is struggling to evade a £2.1 billion hostile offer from Rentokil.

BET received a last-minute boost on Friday, when a key shareholder, M&G Investent Management, with 7.5 per cent, came out in favour of the incumbent management. But observers believe that this may not be sufficient to win victory for John Clark, the chief executive.

Around 25 per cent of BET is now held by arbitrageurs, or other short-term holders who are looking for a successful bid, so much will hinge around the performance of the share price this week.

Unlike M&G, the other big institutions, such as Prudential, Hermes, Threadneedle, and Sun Life, have not revealed their intentions. If there is heavy selling and the BET share price starts to plunge, this will be read as a signal that the arbitrageurs have scented defeat for the bid and are heading for the exits. But the indications as the market closed on Friday were that they would get their profits.

Although the price had been subsiding, BET shares closed at 202½p, just 10p below the cash and shares terms on offer from Rentokil. The fight has centred on the performance of BET under Mr Clark, who arrived five years ago with a mission to pull round the ailing group and improve margins.

Clive Thompson, his counterpart at Rentokil, has claimed that it is time for the "company doctor" to step aside and to bring in new management. Mr Clark has countered by saying that the level of the offer fails to take account of the improvements already made and the transformation of BET into a fast-growing group of focused businesses.

But Rentokil has earned an enviable reputation for providing a profits growth that over the past 14 years has averaged out at more than 20 per cent. The market betting is that this record will win the day.

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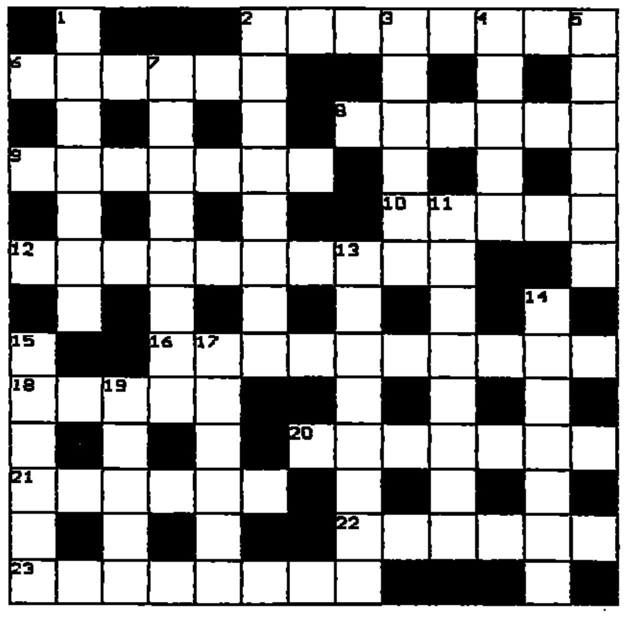

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New business paper runs into controversy

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

BRITAIN's newest national newspaper, *Sunday Business*, hit the streets yesterday — and ran straight into controversy.

The Ministry of Defence immediately dismissed its main front page report that it was about to award contracts worth £3.75 billion to British Aerospace in a move to boost Tory support in constituencies with BAe factories.

The paper claimed that Michael Portillo, Defence Secretary, would award a £1.4 billion contract to replace the Nimrod Maritime Patrol Aircraft and three missile contracts to BAe factories before the next election.

But the MoD said: "No decision has yet been taken. Our procurement policy is one of competitive bids and is based on value for money for the taxpayer. There is no way that a contract would be awarded purely for political reasons."

Although Tom Rubython, the paper's founding editor, claimed that the front page was full of "an extraordinary number of scoops", readers may have experienced a strong sense of déjà vu. Front page reports that Britain's Premier League football clubs were considering setting up their own pay-per-view TV channel and that Houston Industries, of Texas, was rumoured to be launching a bid for London Electricity, have been circulating for some time.

For many in the media, the story behind the paper's troubled launch was as fascinating as any of the reports in its own pages. In the week before its launch, the paper, lost its main backer, its printer and its advertising agency and was awash with rumours of cash-flow problems. A mystery new backer was found at the 11th hour, although Mr Rubython admitted the paper would need further investment capital at a future date. Reports that the white knight was Owen Oyston, the entrepreneur, were denied.

New printers and advertisers were also found, although the planned 600,000 print run had to be cut to 450,000 and a planned television advertising campaign was cancelled.

While welcoming the new paper as providing a new outlet for advertising, media experts are sceptical about its chances of long-term success.

Although between 29 and 41 per cent of broadsheet readers say they read the business section of their Sunday paper, a survey conducted by CIA Medianetwork showed that only 11 per cent of respondents would be likely to read a Sunday newspaper that focused purely on business.

Media analysts said that in spite of the pre-launch problems it had been a "major achievement" to get such a weighty package out on time.

Portillo: "no decision"

Ministers to meet on IMF fringe

Finance ministers and central bank governors of the Group of Seven biggest industrialised nations have started talks on the fringes of the spring meetings of the IMF and the World Bank in Washington.

The main topics for discussion are expected to be the slow growth in Europe and economic reforms in Russia. The G7 will also seek a common stand on the dollar amid pressure in Europe for a further rise in the greenback's value. Row looms, page 45

SE vacancy

The Stock Exchange is reported to be close to appointing a new chief executive after the January departure of Michael Lawrence. Giles Vardey, the exchange's director of market development, has been heavily tipped ahead of candidates fielded by Whitehead Mann, the headhunters. No one at the exchange was available for comment.

Harrods in view

Harrods, the Knightsbridge store owned by the Fayed brothers, is in the spotlight as a potential publicly-quoted company. The brothers are reported to be considering a flotation after the reaction to similar plans by Harvey Nichols, the upmarket department store. A Harrods spokesman refused to comment on the speculation.

Smith silent

WH Smith has refused to comment on suggestions that it may tap the stock market for £200 million as part of a group restructuring. A weekend report said that restructuring, including the sale or closure of Do It All, the DIY chain owned with Boots, might involve provisions of £150 million.

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THEATRE: New productions at the National and in Croydon — plus a 'can't fail' scheme to encourage stage investors

Ken Stott as Scotty Scott and Sean Chapman as the Diddicoy in Tony Harrison's *The Prince's Play*, a late Victorian look at the Royal Family

Rigoletto to the royals

The Prince's Play
Olivier

Verdi called him Rigoletto: a hunchback jester to the Duke of Mantua or, if you are Jonathan Miller in revisionist mode, a barman in New York's Little Italy. He has also been Bertucchio in Tom Taylor's *Fool's Revenge*, a play in which Edwin Booth scored a massive hit just before his brother assassinated Lincoln. But originally he was called Triboulet and jangled his cap and bells in the corrupt court of François I as it was robustly evoked by Victor Hugo in his *Roi s'amuse* back in 1832.

Indeed, Hugo brought 16th-century France so provocatively to life that there were riots at the Comédie Française, and the play was banned as republican propaganda. That is not a fate likely to strike the legend's latest incarnation, even though Tony Harrison's *Prince's Play* turns the jester into a blend of Billy Connolly and Harry Lauder and makes him the sidekick of "HRH the Prince of Wales", scion of the House of Windsor and heir to the British Throne. I am relieved to report that, far from being another snook at the present Royal Family, Richard Eyre's production is safely set in late-Victorian London: Café Royal, Pall Mall, a West End music-hall, and visits to East End Ripper territory.

Why it has been so relocated I am unsure. Harrison tries to disguise the fact that HRH has medieval powers over life and limb, but, for all his imaginative energy, cannot quite do so. Conversely, his couplets have a contemporary ring, at one point rhyming "bit of fluff" with "chuffed". Just to add to the confusion, Bob Crowley's London seems variously indebted to Mayhew, Whistler and (black cloaks hanging like bats over a curved-shell house) modern surrealism.

And all this fuss for a French romantic's attempt to bring Shakespearean-style tragedy to the uptight Paris stage!

Since what Hugo thought was tragedy we would now call melodrama, was the effort worth it? At one level, not really; at another, absolutely. You can almost hear the plot imploring Verdi to camouflage its fatuities. Dickens at his wettest would not have created Scotty Scott's daughter (Arlene Cockburn), violently robbed of her virginity by David Westhead's wonderfully smug HRH, yet loving and loyal enough to sacrifice her life for his. Boucicault at his barmiest would surely have rethought the scene in which Ken Stott's Scotty braves lightning and rain to dance in vindictive triumph over the sack he thinks bulges with bits of murdered prince but actually contains the remains of his "wee, wee lassie".

You are unlikely to be moved by such stuff, but you will be impressed by what precedes it. Eyre and Harrison draw you into an ugly, dangerous world where nobs in evening dress swap sneers and sexist slurs with a vaudeville comic who, as played here, has genuine size and richness. Mix Shakespeare's most baleful victims, Iago and Shylock, and you have Stott's blend of malice, resentment and righteous fury. And was there any laughter when this monster added paternal tenderness to his emotional brew? Not a tittle of a titter. Never mind the melodramatics. This is a big, commanding performance.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Just shows what a novice angel can do

There must be a catch. A group of theatre investors recently launched an ingenious scheme called the Gabriel Fund — so-called, one presumes, because it will make super-angels of its participants. It offers the chance to invest in theatre at a reduced risk and with increased returns. How do they do that?

Andrew Empson, managing director of PW Productions, is one of the fund's co-founders. His production company is responsible for a spread of successful West End shows; he clearly knows his showbiz. "You spend about three-quarters of the budget of a West End show to get it to its first night," he explains. "The balance of the money is required if there are overspends in certain areas, if the show needs nursing or, in the worst case, to cover the period that it takes to get the show off. This element of money is theoretically not needed — but the producer has got to raise it."

Here comes the clever bit. The Gabriel Fund offers producers only this last element, the contingency supply. This might not be drawn upon at all — but the fund will still be due its share of any profits. The usual split is 40 per cent to the producer and 60 per cent to the investors. If the Gabriel Fund has supplied, say, a quarter of the funding for a production, it will be due a quarter of the investors' profits. That might sound very satisfying, but Empson and his colleagues are shrewd men and do not rest there.

"Because Gabriel is in effect a large investor, it will be able to get better terms," Empson explains. "It will be able to say to the producer, 'Look, I'm covering 25 per cent of your show, I'll take part of *your* share of the profits as well.'" The producer is likely to accede out of necessity. Gabriel's panel of experts comprises six theatre financiers, who together form an eagle-eyed team. "It's a group of people pooling their knowledge: almost what you might call insider trading, but not quite."

Empson chuckles at the joke, and I make a mental note that if ever I have £5,000 spare I shall steer it his way. This is what it will cost you to become an investor in the fund. Or rather, not necessarily. The fund will become active as soon as it reaches around £250,000, made up of individual stakes of no less than £5,000. But this full amount might not be called upon at all.

Andrew Empson: hopes to avoid backing the duds

"People only have to put up £1,000 of their stake," Empson explains. Of course, things might take a turn for the worst, your extra £4,000 might be required and indeed lost. But Empson points out that once a show has gone into profit, Gabriel's liability is reduced. "In effect you can use that money over and over again. It could be that an investor puts up £1,000 and actually has £10,000 of investment out of it."

Empson's team researched a cross-section of shows produced over the past ten years, from long-running hits to disasters. They discovered that if they had underwritten all of them, they would have made an overall profit of around 20 per cent of their investment. "What we hope," Empson says drily, "is that we can tip those odds much further by leaving out obvious duds."

The fund will provide a much-needed boost to theatrical investment in this country. "It goes back to the Lloyd's mess, really," says Empson. "When Lloyd's names started losing money heavily, rather than see a Canaletto disappear off the wall they decided not to invest in theatre. The fund is one way to try to bring in more investors from outside."

Empson is also involved in another initiative with similar repercussions. Last month the Society of London Theatre formally approved the Small London Theatres Agreement, a set of guidelines for productions in West End theatres with under 700 seats. The idea is to reduce production and running costs in these venues in order to encourage greater investment, not least in dramas as opposed to musicals.

A theatre which usually charges £6,000 a week rental to the producer might, under the new agreement, charge only £3,000 a week. The actors and backstage staff would work for reduced payments (although never less than Equity rates). Ticket prices would be held down, encouraging more people to attend.

Both the Gabriel Fund and the Small Theatres Agreement are yet to be tested. Even so, they betoken the increasingly collaborative nature of British theatre production. If you had always wanted to be angelic but never quite managed it, this could be the time to start.

ANDY LAVENDER

Doublet, toil and trouble

Two Gentlemen of Soho
Croydon

HOT news: Shakespeare is appearing at the Warehouse. All right, so he wanders offstage after a few seconds — and he was invisible. But our Elizabethan heroine Julia (Natasha Pollard), a wife who runs away to the theatre, does says hallo to him. She has just seen *Hamlet* and innocently hails the chap who played the Ghost as he tidies the stage with the Fool, Will Kemp (Kenneth Collard). At this point Will beats a retreat.

In truth this episodically meandering two-hander by Josh Lacey is hardly for devotees of Shakespeare. Kemp indulges in a long pseudo-Shakespearean monologue on "What is an actor?" An endless stretch of similes, it seems. Meanwhile Julia, in a doublet and hose she has stripped from a presumptuous passing squire, has her own Hamlety moments which do not add up to anything very coherent. After a tutorial on theatrical pretence, she is suddenly on a sea voyage, then drowning. Then she is back in London, duelling with the squire. She lugs his corpse into a neighbouring room, is raped, loses her mind, but recovers when her husband returns from Denmark.

The production can be endearing. Collard's husband is both a comic pedantic patriarch and lovable old codger. Pollard has a sweet arresting beauty, can be playful or tearfully pained. Regrettably, director Alison Rigden seems to have encouraged mere babyishness: lashings of wide-eyed wonder and cute grins.

Lacey's characterisation is the basic problem. This play seemingly criticises the male condescension of yesteryear. And Julia does venture out and master some skills — yet she remains an unbelievable ingenue. That said, the silliness sometimes charms.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERT

Party fit for a lord

Menuhin Gala
Albert Hall

HE first played in the Albert Hall in 1929, and again in 1932 under Elgar's baton. On Saturday, to celebrate his 80th birthday (which falls today), Lord Menuhin came back.

The platform was packed with some of the world's top musicians. That was a fitting tribute to one of the greatest of them all. In the audience were eminent men and women not just from this land, but from many lands. That was fitting, too, for Menuhin's indefatigable humanitarian work has touched people in every corner of the globe.

And there was one more apt touch: the proceeds from this gala, mostly conducted by Menuhin himself, went to two institutions founded by him: Live Music Now! and the Yehudi Menuhin School. They will perpetuate his ideal of global fellowship through music for many decades after the echoes of Saturday's celebration have faded.

But what splendid echoes they were. Mstislav Rostropovich played Tchaikovsky's *Rococo Variations for Cello and Orchestra* with breathtaking grace and delicacy. The bass Samuel Ramey was in stentorian form for bombastic arias from Verdi's *Attila* and Gounod's *Faust*; then he touched the heart with *Ol' Man River*. And Anne-Sophie Mutter was brilliantly characterful in Mozart's Violin Concerto in G, K216. The golden thread of great fiddle-playing goes on.

There was new music, too: Gareth Wood's vigorous *Fanfare for a Man of Spirit*; and Malcolm J. Singer's *A Hopeful Voice*, which set brave words (Holderlin, and Menuhin's own speeches) to big, simple tunes for the massed trebles of the Voices Foundation Children's Choir, garnished with flourishes for string soloists from the Menuhin School.

Menuhin conducted the *Enigma Variations*: not the most precise beat ever seen on this famous old podium, but it inspired warm playing from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Then he gave an eloquent speech, reminding us never to cease trying to understand our enemies.

Finally the mood changed to pure party romp, as a host of musical celebrities — including the conductors Michael Tilson Thomas, Yan Pascal Tortelier and Pinchas Steinberg, and Rafal Payne, the new BBC Young Musician — hammed their way through Michael Haydn's *Toy Symphony*.

RICHARD MORRISON

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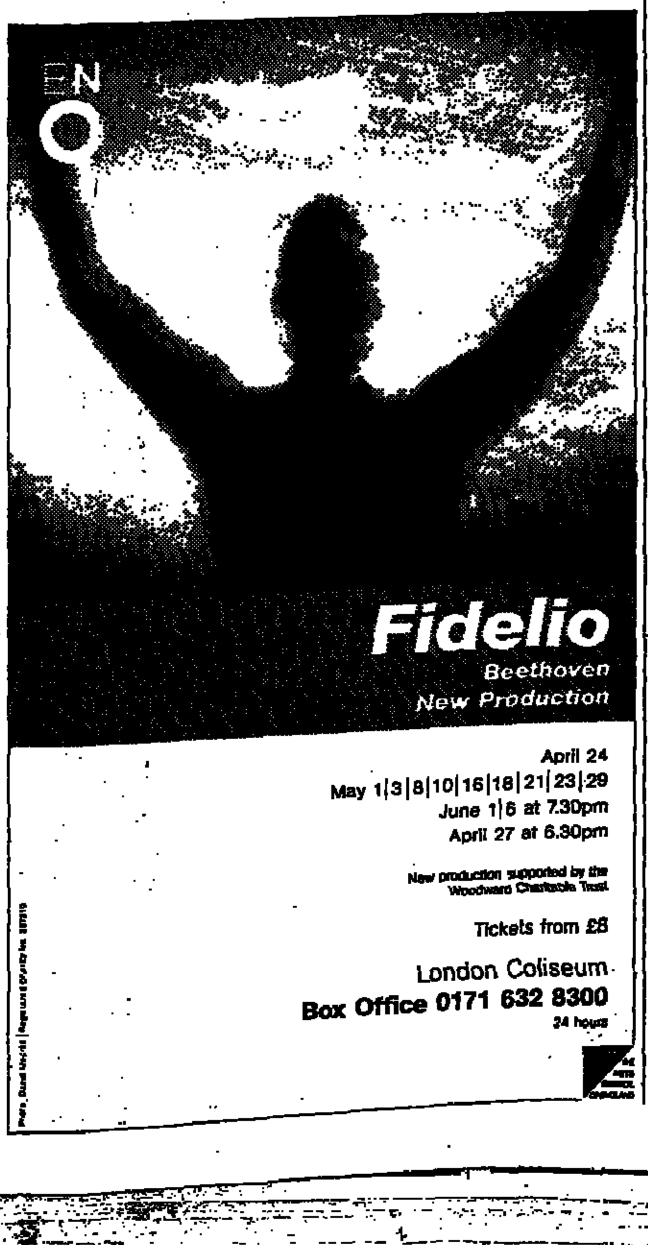
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Cold war legacy haunts Russia

Nuclear risk is put on ice

A pleasant smell of cooking came from below decks. The burly captain tried to tempt me down for lunch. "It's not dangerous. We live here." I felt like the boy on the burning deck. The old destroyer, quietly rusting in Murmansk harbour, did not appear dangerous. But only a few yards from me in the hold lay enough leaking radioactive waste to poison the entire Kola peninsula.

The *Lepse* is a more menacing ship now than she ever was when she patrolled the Atlantic as part of the Soviet Navy. In her hold lie scores of spent fuel rods that once drove Soviet nuclear icebreakers through the polar seas. Most are slotted into special insulation tubes. Some overheated, expanded and bent in the nuclear accidents which plagued the icebreaker fleet. With cavalier insouciance to the danger, Russian workmen went in with sledgehammers in an attempt to force them down the tubes. They shattered and fell to the bottom of the *Lepse's* storage hold, where they now lie, emitting huge doses of lethal radiation.

> 'A simple collision could trigger a nightmare accident'

The Soviet authorities simply covered the converted hold with a thick layer of concrete, hoping the problem would go away. They planned to tow the ship out and scuttle her. But since Chernobyl the Russians have become acutely concerned by their appalling nuclear safety record. Instead, the directors of the icebreaker fleet have now called for Western help.

Experts from Britain's Atomic Energy Authority are among those contracted to open the rusting hold, send in robots to extract the lethal rods, encase them in glass and dispose of them deep in Siberia.

Meanwhile, the ship remains moored in the narrow, fog-bound channel in Russia's far north. A collision with the submarines, fishing vessels and warships using Russia's main ice-free port, could trigger a nuclear catastrophe. It is the sort of disaster that Western environmentalists believe could now happen in scores of ageing reactors across the former Soviet Union. This is the nightmare that brought President Clinton, John Major and leaders of the world's most powerful nations to Moscow at the weekend to offer President Yeltsin help in cleaning up and making safe his polluted country.

Murmansk, the destination for the wartime Arctic convoys, is a desolate place. Scarred by shoddy postwar reconstruction, it is a city that grew rich on the secretive Soviet military build-up, but now lives in fear of the deadly radiation it thinks will leak from the 185 nuclear reactors — submarine, civilian and military — scattered around the region. The radioactivity dumped off the Murmansk coast accounts for two thirds of all the radioactive waste ever dumped in all the oceans of the world.

The *Lepse* has become a symbol of a nuclear problem. The genial captain has grown used to the crude radioactive warning dangling from a rope on the quayside. He now barely notices the nearby *Lenin*, the former icebreaker and pride of Khrushchev's Soviet Union, that 30 years ago kept the northern sea routes to Japan open all winter. The ship stands, rusty and forlorn, waiting to be scrapped. The Soviet attitude to nuclear safety was even more alarming then: after the reactor overheated, they cut a hole in the hull and dropped it in the ocean.

The icebreaker fleet is now more modern. The Russians showed off their latest Finnish-built ship, her nuclear heart encased in glass and constantly checked. But where will the spent fuel rods be stored? The old storage tanks are full, the sea is now out of bounds and the land is too contaminated.

The civilian fleet admits its nuclear problems, at least. The worry is the submarine fleet of more than 70 boats is idling in harbour, with the old nuclear reactors still intact and still dangerous. The navy would like Western help, but does not welcome prying eyes. I toured the old harbour on a bleak dark day last October; in future, the most dangerous waste dumps may be off-limits. Few will then know what dangers still lurk there.

MICHAEL BINYON

Ten years after Chernobyl Piers Paul Read **looks at how the disaster helped to topple the Soviet regime**

PATRICK FOR

Suffering: child victims of the Chernobyl disaster pictured in hospital in Sofia in 1991. Cancer cases rose after the explosion at the nuclear reactor

A system that failed

THE sound of the explosion that took place in the No 4 reactor of the V. I. Lenin nuclear power station in northern Ukraine ten years ago stil echoes around the world. The name of the nearby market town of Chernobyl has come to signify in the public mind an unacceptable level of risk in nuclear power.

There is no doubt that the consequences of the accident are grave for those involved. An increase in the incidence of thyroid cancer among children in the affected regions was predicted and has come about. According to early estimates by the British National Radiological Protection Board, it will cause around 30,000 additional cancers in Russia and Western Europe over the next 40 years.

While the environmental consequences of Chernobyl have preoccupied us, the political effects have been largely ignored. Yet in historical terms, Chernobyl may be one of those rare instances where an event is both symbolic of a major change and instrumental in bringing it about.

The explosion in the No 4 reactor was not just a dramatic image of what subsequently happened to the Soviet Union, but undoubtedly made many millions of hitherto loyal Soviet citizens realise that they had been deceived. The superiority of Soviet science was a basic tenet of Communist belief. The nuclear industry, like the space programme, was a proof of the pudding.

Among those most profoundly shocked, and subsequently disillusioned, by the accident at Chernobyl was the political leadership at the time. Both Mikhail Gorbachev, the Party Secretary, and Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, were relative newcomers to the Central Committee. Gorbachev had been General Secretary for little more than a year. Ryzhkov, who was immediately made head of the commission appointed to deal with the consequences of the accident, had risen to his present position through economic planning and industrial management. He knew nothing about nuclear power.

Nor did any of the other party leaders. For decades the nuclear industry had been hidden from public view on the ground of state security. When Stalin first decided to build a nuclear bomb, he had put the enterprise in the hands of Lavrenty Beria, the head of the NKVD. Even when it was decided to use the plutonium-producing nuclear reactors to generate electricity, they remained for many years under the control of Beria's deceptively named "Ministry of Medium Machine Building" — in fact a vast empire incorporating gulags and diamond mines, and with intimate connections with the KGB.

At the time of the accident at Chernobyl, the three men at the head of this state within a state were all around 90 years old. Efim Slavsky, the Minister of Medium Machine Building, had fought in the civil war.

Aleksandr Alexandrov, director of the nuclear Kurchatov Institute, had succeeded Ignor Kurchatov himself, the father of the Soviet atom bomb, and was now President of the Academy of Sciences — a position in the Soviet system of unassailable authority and prestige. Nikolai Dollezhal, the designer of the Chernobyl reactor, remained at the head of his Institute of Nuclear Design. For Gorbachev and Ryzhkov, it was impossible to believe that these legendary heroes of Soviet science had been incompetent, and equally impossible to explain the accident if they had not.

The first reaction was defensive. The initial announcement of the accident by Tass stated that this was the first accident in a Soviet nuclear power station "while in the United States 2,300 accidents, breakdowns and other faults were registered in 1979 alone".

To the liberals on the Central Committee such as Aleksandr Yakovlev, the accident at Chernobyl proved the urgent need to implement their policy of glasnost and perestroika. The differences between Yakovlev, head of the Party's propaganda department, and Yegor Ligachev, head of the party's ideological department, over the line to be taken over Chernobyl — whether to admit to errors or cover them up — were caught up in the ideological struggle between liberals and conservatives on the committee.

In the end Yakovlev appeared to triumph. Articles appeared in *Pravda* ascribing the accident to the incompetence of the operators, and the negligence of the plant's director, Viktor Brukhanev. The political implications were clear. It was not Soviet Communism that was at fault but Brezhnev's "era of stagnation". Had there been glasnost and perestroika the accident would not have happened. Brukhanev and others from the power station were tried and sentenced to varying terms of imprisonment. No evidence was allowed to show that the reactors themselves had an intrinsically dangerous design. Theirs was the last of the Soviet show trials.

This apparent candour over Chernobyl was not enough to re-establish confidence in the Soviet system. Quite the contrary. All the latest opposition to the Communist regime now formed around the "non-political" issues of ecology and the environment. In December 1987, members of the Ukrainian Writers' Union formed a group called Green World to discuss environmental issues. By 1988 it had secured 20,000 signatures on a petition against nuclear power.

Membership of Green World grew from 30 to 500,000 and in the spring of 1989 its leader, Yuri Shcherbak, defeated the official Communist Party candidate for a seat in the Congress of People's Deputies in Moscow. The same phenomenon occurred in Lithuania where the first manifestation of nationalist sentiment came in the form of mass demonstrations against the nuclear power station at Ignalina.

In Ukraine and Belorussia, nationalists spread alarm and despondency among the populace, saying that the Soviet scientists had lied and the Soviet Government was leaving them to rot in contaminated territory. Government radiation specialists were vilified and frequently went in fear of their lives.

Once Ukraine had gained its independence, membership of Green World dwindled; and after exhaustive research Western scientists judged that if anything Soviet scientists had erred on the side of caution. But by then Gorbachev had been replaced and the Soviet Union dissolved.

Chernobyl may not turn out to have been a prime cause of its dissolution, but it had proved to be an effective stick with which to belabour the Communist system, and also a cause of profound disillusion in many million Soviet citizens who, until April 26, 1986, had accepted without question that Communism worked.

- *Piers Paul Read is the author of* Ablaze: The Story of Chernobyl.

A worrying new virus joins the hepatitis alphabet

On the trail of G

SCIENCE BRIEFING

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Nigel Hawkes

YEARS ago, there was hepatitis. Today there is a positive alphabet soup of different forms of the disease, the latest of which — hepatitis G — has only recently loomed over the horizon.

It was first described a year ago by a team from Abbott Laboratories in north Chicago, but the evidence is that it has been lurking in the undergrowth for decades. The sample from which they isolated it was taken from a surgeon, identified only as GB, who developed a mysterious inflammation of the liver in 1964.

Over the years the Abbott team had tried to infect various species with the virus, but only a tamarin monkey ever succumbed. Recently, *Science News* reports, they tried to identify it using the tools of modern molecular genetics.

They took blood from healthy tamarins, and then infected the animals before taking a second sample. Then they used a method called representational difference analysis (RDA) to compare the blood before and after infection, to try to identify DNA sequences present in the diseased creatures but absent from the healthy ones.

They found not one virus but two, both belonging to the same genus as the viruses that cause hepatitis C, yellow fever and dengue fever. They later found another related virus in people from West Africa, where hepatitis is endemic.

This is potentially alarming, because hepatitis C is a nasty virus which in a fifth of infected people eventually destroys the liver. Might these new viruses be responsible for many unexplained cases of liver damage?

One such case was investigated by Dr Jungsuh Kim, of Genelabs Technologies in Redwood, California, who isolated a virus from an American patient that turned out to be nearly identical to the one from the West African patient. The team reported in *Science* in January that the virus has a global distribution and is present in blood donors in the US.

Evidence from the Abbott team agrees that it is widespread, found in 1 to 2 per cent of US blood donors, higher than the levels of hepatitis B or C. It has also been found in drug users and haemophiliacs, as well as in patients who have had blood transfusions. No test yet exists, though you can be sure that both Abbott and Genelabs are working on one. What remains unknown is whether this virus is the cause of serious disease or not.

It certainly can be, as a Japanese team has shown. They looked at six cases of a progressive form of hepatitis in which the liver ultimately fails, and identified the G virus in three of them. They reported in *The Lancet* last October that the course of the disease was slow.

This raises the possibility that G may be a sleeper, rather like C which for years was not thought dangerous. Rates of blood-borne hepatitis infection are falling rather than rising, which does not suggest that a hepatitis G epidemic is under way. But it could be lurking unnoticed in many people with no obvious signs of ill-health. Dr Arie Zuckerman of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine in London says a lot more work is needed to establish whether it is a clinical threat or not.

He's orange and gorgeous

THE female guppy — a brightly-coloured minnow found in the Caribbean and South America — favours mates of a rich orange hue. Except, that is, when they see another female making up to a less gaudy male.

Dr Lee Dugatkin of the University of Louisville discovered this intriguing evidence of fish peer pressure: when exposed to two males of varying hue, the female guppy will go for the more orange one 90 per cent of the time.

But then he allowed a female guppy to observe another female flirting with a rather dingier male. When the *voyeuse* was later given the choice between a bright and a less-bright mate, she too opted for the quieter one. This worked only within limits: the difference in the area of orange on the male's body had to be no greater than about 24 per cent.

If the difference was as much as 40 per cent, then basic instinct reasserted itself and the female went for the brighter male. The experiments show that mate choice in fish, as in people, is a blend of genes and culture. To say more than that might risk a charge of male chauvinism.

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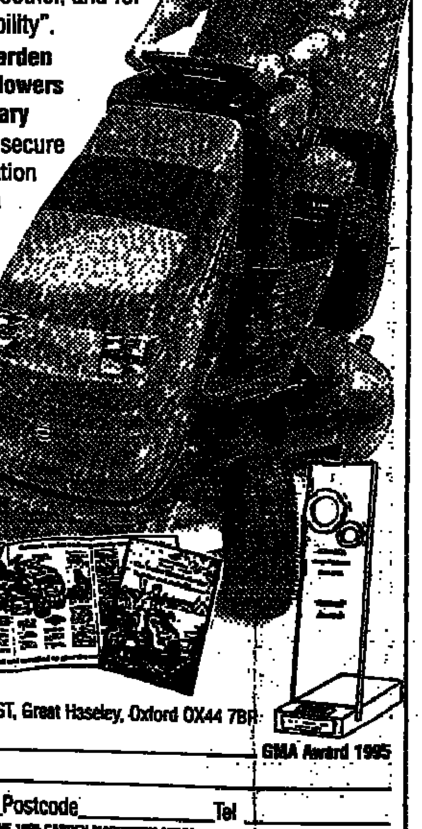

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The invisible woman

Margaret Beckett, former deputy Labour leader, explains why she preferred working for John Smith. Interview by Mary Riddell

You've got a ladder in your tights, says a passing MP. Margaret Beckett (whose hosiery is invariably snag-free) smiles politely, aware that the vision of her sitting chatting on the steps outside the House of Commons is unusual enough to attract comment.

But then, these days, positive sightings of Mrs Beckett are so rare that one fears she may soon become the subject of a David Attenborough documentary. Is she, you wonder, the political equivalent of the endangered white rhino? Have they recast her as the Miss Havisham of the Shadow front bench, attired in the garb of her glory days as caretaker leader and locked away in some dusty Westminster attic? Why was a "Free Margaret Beckett" campaign launched? Has she simply ceased to exist?

But no. Here she is, large as life, brisk, friendly and looking purposefully forward to this week, when her industrial policy document, Labour's post-election blueprint, moves on to its last consultation stages.

She has, you suggest, seemed awfully quiet of late. "Well, my natural instinct is to shy away from publicity. I'd rather get no coverage than anything which is harmful to the party. I sometimes think I'm the opposite of Edwina. She likes coverage, whatever it is. I'm more fussy."

The reasons for her seeming obscurity are more complex, though, than any lack of desire to write steamy bestsellers or be the queen of the *Today* programme. Naturally, the burning issue she prefers to address is her enthusiasm for her current job as Shadow Trade and Industry spokesman. "It's the one I would have chosen if anyone had asked — which, of course, they never do."

Why not, after all she has done for Labour? "Party leaders don't ask. It's a bit like the Army. Go where you're sent."

In Mrs Beckett's case, Siberia looked a possible destination. She says now that she knew from the first that her bid for the leadership and the deputy's job was doomed. "I expected Tony and John to win. I fully accepted that I might end up out of the Shadow Cabinet, out of the NEC and on the back benches."

But that was never likely. In John Smith's lifetime, Mrs Beckett had been accused of disloyalty over her lukewarm endorsement of his one-man one-vote reforms. After his death, she, his deputy, mourned him in the House ("I wept buckets as I wrote that statement. I went over it again and again, and the only time I got through it without crying was in the chamber") and then got on with it.

Reward was inevitable for a good job bravely done. The Home Office portfolio, everyone said, but she never believed it. "I read lots of reports saying I would get it, but none of them quoted Tony Blair." Instead she went to Health, and the poisonous whispers began.

> 'It's a bit like the Army . . . you go where you are sent

Her policy document, *Health 2000*, was a dampish squib. But no other member of the Shadow Cabinet was subjected to such thinly-veiled criticism from the powerful staff of the leader's office.

Was she aware of that sniping? "Certainly I was conscious that it was a very delicate portfolio . . ."

She is careful, aware that one dainty black stiletto-step too far will create problems. But is it not true that she, in the one-of-us climate of new Labour, is simply not part of the cabal? "Well, it's different now. Then I was at the heart of everything that was happening. I used to say I was part of every committee God ever sent. But having your own area to run has its rewards."

Yet still you sense that, even heading her own department, she is the ham sandwiched between Mr Blair wooing American bankers and British industrialists and Mr Brown capitalising on the flaws of the privatised utilities. She pats that one away too and you realise that, somewhere in the game of softball, she has changed.

Where once she was strident (she called Neil Kinnock a Judas over his refusal to endorse Tony Benn for the deputy leadership), now she is conciliatory. Where once she was powerful, now she gives the impression of one hanging grimly on to the Blair edifice, white fingers clutching the window ledge as the party goes on inside.

Mrs Beckett was never, in appearance or inclination, the prototype of the new Labour woman. Where new Labour woman got the Barbara Follett makeover, she stuck with the Princess Royal tailoring. Where New Labour woman shopped for peppers in Ribérac market, she went caravanning in Yorkshire.

It was not a question of age — she is 53 — or intellect. Nor does she lack support, for she was top of the last Shadow Cabinet poll. Yet it was almost inevitable that on Mr Blair's accession she would be branded *ancien régime*.

It is equally certain that Margaret Beckett was bred to tough it out. The child of a carpenter who died, after a long illness, when she was 12, she grew up in a household overshadowed by that sorrow. One of her sisters became a nun, the other a psychiatrist. Margaret trained as a metallurgist before rising to become Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Her appearance has always belied her skills. When I first met her, years ago, she retained all the trappings of the housewife superstar. A neat little pot of hand cream sat on her desk. Leo — her husband, office manager and number one cheerleader — was packing her belongings into a flowered vinyl shopping bag.

Their marriage, doubtless stormy at its inception, since the first Mrs Beckett was still around when they met, appears one of the cosiest in politics. Splendid to have such a soul-mate in the climb to power. But surely, once the leadership was lost and the Becketts retired to the caravan they bought to console themselves, for her defeat, their joint commitment must have made it even harder to escape the pressures?

"No, not at all. We're in it together. I would never have stood for the leadership if Leo hadn't told me it was the right thing to do. After John died, I asked him 'do you think I can do the job?' He was so supportive."

After John died . . . she says it often, and she misses him still. "He was such good company and such a strong personality. Neil sometimes seemed to lack confidence, John never did."

It is all so different now.

When you ask her which leader she preferred, you expect her — tactful as always — to devise a polite, pro-Blair formula. But she does not hesitate. "Without any discredit to anyone else, working for John was the easiest. He gave people space, responsibility . . ."

Margaret Beckett must mourn such freedoms, although she intends no invidious comparisons. "Tony is very, very talented. He will be a brilliant Prime Minister and the sooner he is, the better." And what will Margaret be then? In the same job, she hopes. But she never prejudges things.

"I'm a natural pessimist. I always prepare myself for the worst in the hope that nothing worse can befall me than what I have anticipated."

Once she dreamt, but that is not a luxury she can permit herself these days. She does not even know whether, given the boundary changes, she will hold her seat at the next general election. And what would she do if it all turned to dust? No plans, she says. None at all.

CHRIS HARRIS

Outside looking in: Margaret Beckett has faded gracefully from the limelight under Tony Blair's new Labour

If it's cardamom, this must be Kensington

SIGN OF THE TIMES

by Katherine Knight

FENUGREEK, cardamom, turmeric, paprika, cayenne pepper — chances are you've got whole rows of them in matching jars on your splendid Habitat stripped-pine spice rack, but you probably can't even pronounce half of them. Most of the time, you only ever use mixed herbs and a dash of black pepper in your carbonara.

But spices are more traumatic than you ever thought, for not only are they culinarily challenging, they send out a litany of complicated social signals. Choosing spices is a life choice. They may have always had mythological significance, but in the 1990s your spice rack, unassuming as it appears, says more about your style and class than the state of your curries.

"There is definitely a class thing attached to spices," Deborah Cunningham, a researcher for the British Pepper and Spice Company, says. "Our research has shown there is a lot of one-upmanship attached to spice racks. People put certain spices on them to impress their neighbours and friends when they come round. They want to give the impression that they're accomplished cooks when actually they never use them. The ones that are used and have finger marks all over them are shoved randomly in the cupboard."

If it's cardamom it must be Kensington, if it's mild and hot chilli powder, it's Burnley. "There's a lot of posturing over spices. People like to be fashionable. A while ago it was all curry powders, whereas now Mexican and chilli blends are all the rage," says Martin Muggeridge from Lyon foods.

"There's also a lot of competition between husbands and wives when it comes to spices," Ms Cunningham says. "Partners can be secretive, using spices as a kind of signature, and they won't tell each other about their special touches."

That simple spice rack is a war zone. At least chillis are supposed to stimulate the stomach defences. If you're lucky, it might defend you against snooty neighbours and a stale marriage as well.

And it is not only your social structure that shows. Research in America suggests they say a lot about your love life as well. There is a correlation between the number of spices on your rack and the number of years you've been married. Twenty-year-old fusty spices and, well, 20-year-old fusty marriage, it seems. "On the other hand, provided they have dark, cool conditions, spices will keep," Mr Muggeridge says. "That could be useful marital advice."

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Matthew Parris

■ There are times when a need is obvious, but neither money nor any kind of help seems able to meet it

It was nearly midnight. He was sitting alone on the London-bound platform at Hither Green station, a can of Boddington's ale on the bench beside him. The last train to Charing Cross was late, 20 minutes late the stationmaster has just told me.

"The train's delayed," I said to the young man with the Boddington's, "they say it will be another ten minutes now." He asked me if I knew when the last Bakerloo Tube ran; we discussed his chances of catching it and I told him about the night buses from Trafalgar Square. There was nothing untoward about him, no warning signs. Indeed there was nothing unusual at all except that his smile — he had a ready smile — looked older than his years. It was a comprehending smile, with a slight sharpness behind the eyes, and also a tolerant weariness. The train arrived and I sat down opposite him.

We talked. I think he did not recognise me; he asked me nothing about myself. I asked what took him to London.

"I'm flat-hunting tomorrow," he said. "Saturday's the only time you can. I've got temporary lodging at Kilburn. Starting a new job next week."

"As?"

"I suppose if I say 'systems analyst' you'll be looking for the anorak."

Not for the only time I noticed him scanning my reaction carefully while he spoke. For the first time I realised he was a little drunk — though fully in control. It is odd how drink can lend people a special alertness to the reactions they are eliciting.

"I'm beginning to bore you," he said, "but computers are my passion. If the other person doesn't understand them, you can't explain. I was brilliant at computer games when I was a kid. Then I discovered girls and sort of lost it. I didn't work for my degree at Keele. Wasted time. Stupid. Now I'm with this software company but I start with a new one on Monday and it's better. I won't need a car, you see."

"Won't need a car?"

"I lost my licence six months ago for four years. Drink-driving. Stupid. My accidents have all been when I'm sober, but the law's the law and I've only myself to blame."

"Why don't you stop?"

"Well, I'm sorting out accommodation, and once that's sorted there's the job to get into. I'm looking forward to this job. I'm very good at it."

"But why not stop drinking now?"

"I've got to get the other things sorted out first."

"Why? You could stop now."

He paused. "I couldn't. Or smoking. But I will. Apparently you can get a sort of reprieve after a couple of years' driving ban. You have to get a psychiatrist to explain you've really changed and they do a blood test. There are things in the blood, you know, that show when you really have stopped. They prove it in court."

"You seem to be worrying a lot about it, the drinking. How old are you?"

"Twenty-six. What do you think about me?"

"I think you might be somebody quite close to falling apart. But you're keeping the show more or less together, on the road, for the moment."

He did not respond to this, but took it without offence. "Do your friends stick with you?" I asked.

"Not all. Some. They know me".

"This temporary digs, how is it?"

"More a cupboard than a room. You have to leave the fridge door ajar or everything freezes solid and cracks. You can't cook. And the thing with laundry is . . . well I take a load of it to my Mum in Yarmouth. But my folks keep asking me why I haven't got another car, now the ban's over."

"This is your second ban? And you haven't told your Mum?"

He did not reply. "What's your name?"

"Mark."

There are moments, hopeless moments, when on impulse you would do almost anything to help someone, if you could help them. If a few thousand pounds would have rescued Mark, I would have paid up there and then, and not wanted a word of thanks, nor ever needed to see him again. So, I expect, would his Mum. So, perhaps, would his friends. But his friends, his Mum and I were helpless in this.

> Perhaps voters are not being cynical when they choose to hang on to their money

We sneer that voters will — in secret — choose low taxes rather than state spending on schemes of national improvement, but do we take sufficiently into account the voters' other secret: the quiet suspicion that state schemes of national improvement don't work? It may not be from selfishness that people would rather keep their child benefit than divert it to Gordon Brown's new Youth Training Initiative: it may be due to an unvoiced conviction — unvoiced because they suspect they could be out-argued, yet have the hunch they are right — that the training scheme will achieve little.

I do not think most people are mean. I do not think I am mean. I had the strongest feeling that Mark was a good man, and unusually intelligent. Two good, intelligent men, looking across at each other in a late-night railway carriage on a train into Charing Cross: each, in his way, quite helpless.

The mutiny at the Financial Times is focused on the wrong issue, on jobs rather than quality

Serve the readers, not the institutions

William Rees-Mogg

In the late 1970s Times Newspapers had a one-year stoppage over the issues of computer typesetting and trade union power. I was Editor at the time, and I felt like St Lawrence on his grid iron. The stoppage led directly to the sale of the company by the Thomson family to The News Corporation: it led indirectly to the move to Wapping, and, because that reduced the cost of producing newspapers, to the start of *The Independent* under Andreas Whittam-Smith. So far as I can remember, the *Times* NUJ chapel never passed a vote of no confidence in me. Now, in much less extreme circumstances, the NUJ chapel at the *Financial Times* has passed a unanimous vote of no confidence in Richard Lambert, the Editor, and his deputy. I think they are being rather unfair, but something strange is certainly going on.

The *FT* is different from the rest of the daily broadsheet press in London. It is basically a financial newspaper, though with some general, cultural and even sporting coverage as the vegetables round the meat. It is a monopoly in its own sector, whereas the other four broadsheets, *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian* and *The Independent* compete intensely with each other. It is, so far as the journalists are concerned, still a strong trade union shop, with the NUJ negotiating collectively on behalf of the staff. That is an unsatisfactory way of deciding the pay of journalists, as it means that the best journalists are bound to lose out to the average.

The *FT* is also the least proprietorial of the five broadsheets. *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph* both have proprietors, Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black, whose businesses have been self-made, who have built up their own publishing groups. They are not often interventionist in editorial decisions — indeed Conrad Black occasionally writes letters to his own publications to protest against decisions he has not liked — but that presence adds greatly to the competitive spirit of their newspapers.

The Independent is now substantially controlled by the Mirror Group and that sombre Ulster spirit, David Montgomery. Despite savage cost-cutting, it remains a surprisingly good newspaper, still often producing news stories and features which stand up well to the competition. *The Guardian* has in recent years experienced a reconstruction of the editorial leadership, apparently imposed by the Guardian trustees, of whom that eminent columnist Hugo Young is Pope. This does not mean that these newspapers are simply reflections of their proprietors' attitudes — if they were, they would fail. It does mean that their journalists have a sense of being answerable: some degree of proprietorial supervision helps the most independent-minded editor to drive the Monday morning feeling out of the cracks and crevices of his newspaper, to make sure that "good enough" is not regarded as good enough. In their different ways, all four of the London general broadsheets show this creative tension, and it makes them better newspapers. In particular, it makes them concentrate on satisfying their readers, rather than their news sources.

The *FT* has an ownership, the Pearson Group, but no proprietorship. From 1956, when Brendan Bracken, who was a hands-on proprietor, sold the *FT* to Pearson, the owners have followed a principle of absolute journalistic freedom. Pearson has also been extremely unadventurous in entrepreneurial newspaper expansion. It could have bought *The Sunday Times* in 1959, *The Times* in 1966 and probably Times Newspapers in 1981, but in each case it chose not to do so. It has rejected, or failed to take, similar opportunities to buy other newspapers. What has this non-interventionist, non-entrepreneurial policy produced?

It has produced a financial newspaper of some great virtues. The *FT* has an awesome worldwide reputation, rather like that of the *Neue Zuricher Zeitung*. The *FT* too is credited with the regularity and reliability of an expensive Swiss chronometer. Businessmen often chafe at its coverage of their own businesses, but believe what it writes about other people's. The foreign coverage is detailed, and tends to be rather politically correct.

The *FT* advised its readers at the last election to vote for Neil Kinnock, though few of them seem to have done so. But it is probably now the nearest thing John Major has to a sympathetic broadsheet newspaper. After 40 years of going their own way, many of the journalists on the *Financial Times* have taken on some of the coloration of the bureaucracies they cover. The paper is now probably closer than any other to the Treasury, the Foreign Office, the Bank of England, the great fund management houses, the Commission in Brussels, the US State Department and the bureaucracies of power throughout the world. It does not necessarily admire the people at the head of these bodies, but it stays close to their staffs, to the solid ranks of those who draft the speeches which the ministers deliver. Not since Geoffrey Dawson went round to Downing Street has Britain had such an establishment newspaper. That did not do *The Times*, or its readers, much good in the 1930s.

The pattern is at once recognisable. In the United States, the major newspapers all have broadsheet monopolies in their own cities, and they are all dominated by the same combination of a liberal journalistic culture and the influence of institutional sources. *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the news columns (though not the leader columns) of *The Wall Street Journal* — all reflect these professional characteristics. These newspapers do not respond to the attitudes of their readers, who themselves have to compete in a harsh world, so much as to those of the happy campers of the bureaucratic picnic.

In the past ten years, the *FT* has failed to foresee some of the most serious failures of its corporate contacts, and has failed to forewarn its readers. The *FT* did not give advance warning of the decline of the British merchant banks which has resulted in Morgan Grenfell, Barings, Warburgs and Kleinworts all being sold to foreign interests. In the 1950s, when I was working for the paper, we would have expected to foresee what was happening in the banks, and would have regarded what did happen as a tragedy. The *FT* did not foresee the Lloyd's disaster. Thousands of its readers were Lloyd's names, and many have been ruined by that catastrophe. The *FT* was wrong about the European exchange rate mechanism and failed to foresee what others did foresee: that it would be a disaster for the British economy.

The issue on which the NUJ chapel has lost confidence in the Editor is not of this kind. It is, naturally enough, their own jobs. The *FT* has an editorial staff of 339; there is a proposal to make 30 of them redundant, a few involuntarily. Yet the *FT* is undoubtedly overstaffed. Any competent editor could produce the paper with a staff of well under 300, but any competitive editor would be able to raise the standards. In the 1950s, which were for the *FT* a golden age of good journalism and rising profits, the Lex column had a staff of two and a reputation for brilliance; it now has a staff of five and a reputation for competence.

What the *FT* needs is a strong competitor — a serious financial paper which is closer to its readers than to its news sources, which is entrepreneurial rather than corporatist in spirit. *Sunday Business* shows that there is still a spirit of enterprise in business newspapers. What the *FT* needs, but would not like, is a daily competitor backed by a group with real resources.

Less grim than he's painted

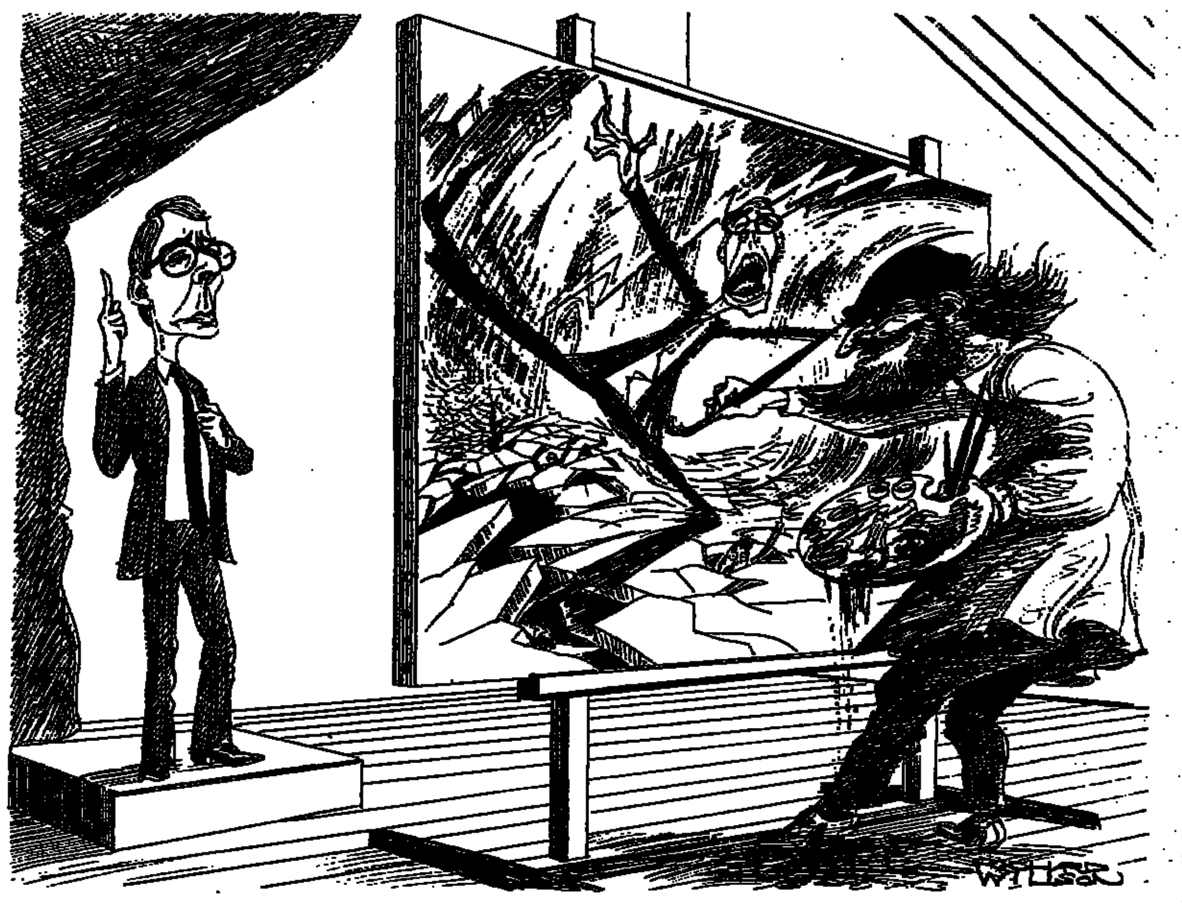
Peter Riddell

says the Tories should make more modest, but plausible claims

The case for the Major Government is largely going by default — squeezed out by the wholesale condemnation of the fashionable Left and made implausible by the strident partisanship of Tory propagandists. There is a case for the Government, but it only sounds even half credible when presented in relative rather than absolute terms, as a least bad rather than best option.

Politicians regard the admission of error or doubt as a sign of weakness. Only total certainty is acceptable in public. One of the few times when I have heard public candour from a senior minister was in the 1979 election, when I accompanied Denis Healey for a day. This was before the era of minders and heavy security. On the train back to London, a scruffy young man asked for advice as a first-time voter. Healey gave the frankest assessment that I heard during the campaign. He underestimated then, as later, the extent to which the post-war social democrat approach had run into the sand, and failed to see that it was no longer possible, or desirable, to base policy on deals with the unions. But he balanced the flaws of the Labour Government against what he saw as the threat to consensus and social cohesion presented by Margaret Thatcher.

What would such a "warts and all" case look like now? It would start by admitting both that the Major Government has had to spend a lot of time sorting out the Thatcher legacy, and that the choices facing any modern government are constrained by financial markets, social trends, inherited programmes and public attitudes. Of course, governments can make a difference over time, but it will be more marginal than politicans claim.



The Major Government is best seen as an unheroic and at times muddled attempt to manage adverse circumstances and an increasingly fractious party. It can point to the lowest inflation and interest rates for 30 years, lower unemployment than in most of the rest of Europe, and, thanks to privatisation, lower energy and phone costs. Big mistakes have been made, and the Government has been slow to address the fears created by greater economic insecurity and labour market flexibility. Mr Major is partly to blame for the relaxation of public spending controls in the late 1980s and early 1990s. But in the last three years the Government has tightly constrained the growth of spending, so that its share of national income is falling. The Tories have introduced overdue shake-ups in health and education, and taken decisions to reduce the growth of the social security budget so that Britain is in a much better position on pensions than, say, Germany. Many of the longer-term underlying dilemmas about the rising demand for public services remain, so the Tories can only really contain the growth of the overall tax burden. Talk of tax reductions is largely hollow, since over time any cuts in income tax will be offset by increases in other taxes.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Labour would, however, find it hard to hold down spending and hence taxes, despite the assurances offered by Gordon Brown now. Labour has opposed most specific measures to save spending, while public-sector unions and interest groups would be pressing for increases. But any rises under Labour would probably not be large. So the real choice is not between high and low spending and taxes, but between relatively higher or lower levels.

The real doubt is not over Labour's commitment to cautious fiscal and monetary policies, but about whether it would be as keen in practice to improve competitiveness. The Tories vastly exaggerate the current significance of the British opt-out from the EU's social chapter, and Tony Blair is right that it is only a set of principles. He may not want to import higher labour costs and rigidities from the Continent, but if Britain signed the chapter, it would be bound by decisions taken by qualified majority voting: the impact would depend on how far Britain could persuade other countries.

Differences over further integration of, say, foreign, defence and home affairs policies in Europe are, in practice, small. The real gap is over attitudes, and how far the Tories can any longer pursue an effective European policy. They have a minimalist, lowest common denominator approach to keep the party together. The cynical pro-European case, implicitly Malcolm Rifkind's, is that, whatever we say now, nothing of substance has been conceded to the sceptics, and that if the Tories win the election, Britain will be free to reach agreements at the inter-governmental conference. But that understates party strains and existing suspicion of Britain. The promise of a referendum on a single currency has encouraged, rather than appeased, Sir James Goldsmith — and both John Redwood and Norman Lamont are now making friendly gestures towards him.

The Tories' diehard defence of the purity of the constitution, the Union, the House of Lords and the Crown against Labour's wild radicalism also sounds unconvincing from a party which has so centralised power since 1979. Far better to admit past failings over local government and to appear as commonsense reformers, opening up the working of Whitehall and reducing secrecy, improving standards in public life via the Nolan inquiry and giving consumers of public services more rights through the Citizen's Charter. This is a better base from which to argue against the all-or-nothing reformers.

The Major Government has not been nearly as bad as Labour and some right-wing Tories claim. Its economic record stands up well in comparison with the final Thatcher administration and with many governments overseas. It can also offer a degree of experience and, more ambiguously, competence to weigh against the risks of an almost wholly untried Blair ministerial team. But a safety-first appeal probably will not be enough in face of public weariness with a party in office for so long. The Tories may simply have run out of time — as many ministers privately concede.

THE TIMES DIARY

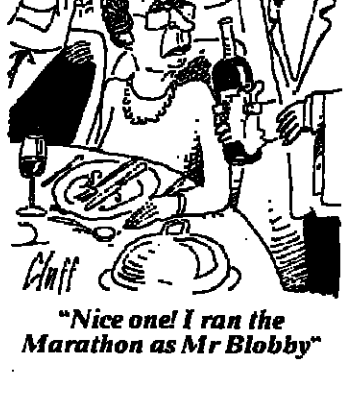
Net result

AT Prince Harry's prep school last night, his grandmother was not the only subject of a shrill-pitched toast. Pupils at Ludgrove raised a cup of cocoa to a master whose physical achievement almost makes the Marathon look a breeze.

Mark Semmence, who takes Harry for history and cricket, has broken the record for playing consecutively on every real tennis court in the land. He and a partner competed on 19 courts, scattered across Britain from Hampton Court to Fife, in a gruelling 32 hours and 32 minutes, knocking more than two hours off the existing record.

The pair had to drive like the clappers between courts, and the whole escapade was nearly written off when their car packed up. After three hours of struggling with the gearbox the RAC came up with a replacement car to finish the trip, by which time they were swiping at imaginary balls, dizzy with exhaustion. "We were shattered by the end, and it did get quite competitive. I won in the end," yawned Semmence, above the hubbub of small boys. "We had a huge hamper of food with us and we snacked on roast chicken and cheese to keep our energy up."

The feat is believed to have excited the interest of Prince Edward, a real tennis nut who made a televison series about the game and whose relationship with Sophie Rhys-Jones blossomed on the court.



"Nice one! I ran the Marathon as Mr Blobby"

● *Having passed on the baton of organising the London Marathon to others last year, Chris Brasher, the founder of the race, had time to enjoy the spectacle from the roadside yesterday. In shorts and singlet he trotted along the course shouting encouragement to participants, and even managed to ensure there was a glass of champagne for one thirsty friend as he passed a pub along the route.*

Study first

YOUNGER blades in the House of Lords will be disappointed to hear that there is not, after all, to be a new baby of the House. Lord Gretton, who became eligible to take his seat when he turned 21 last week, has declined to do so. His mother, Lady Gretton, says he has far too much studying to do. "I shouldn't think he will be taking it because he's at college for the next two years. Then I'm sure it's something he will consider."

Hop spring

KENSINGTON PALACE is twitching with sexual tension. The Princess of Wales's staff are amused by reports that the cold winter has prevented rabbits nationally from breeding as they are supposed to; for the lawns of the house are overrun with extremely bouncy bunnies.

"It's the biggest population explosion for years," says a palace flopsy-watcher. So enthusiastic are the displays of fecundity that colonies of voyeurs have been gathering, wet noses to the gates, to watch the action.

Noises off

POOR OLD Terry Venables is cursed by sleepless nights. It is not, however, the agony of team selection or forthcoming court battles that are tormenting the red-eyed England coach, but the nocturnal behaviour of his wife, Yvette.

"I have a very irritating habit of making noises in my sleep," she writes in a foreword to her husband's book, *Venables' England*. "Which can lead to some funny moments in our lives. Terry has often got up in the middle of the night because he thinks there is a bird stuck in the room, and then discovered it's me whistling in my sleep."

On one occasion the cacophony somehow convinced Venables that a convict was on the loose in the garden. "Armed with the rod we use to open our skylight windows, Terry crept down the stairs followed by me, hobbling — at the time I had my leg in plaster as I was recovering from a knee operation. He opened the front door and leapt into the bushes brandishing the rod, but no one was there. Of course, it dawned on me that it had been me making sounds in my sleep again."

Yvette: sound asleep

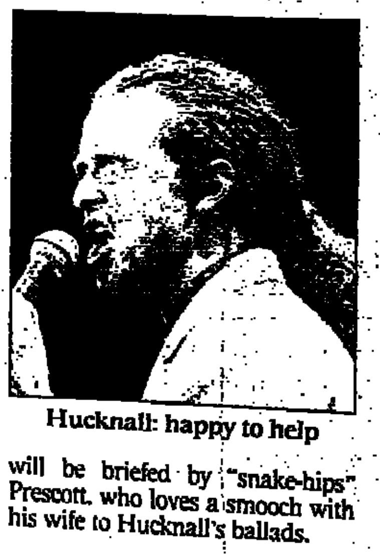
Is the strain beginning to, Tel?

● *Any grip on reality had clearly been lost by bidders in an auction in Bad Oldesloe, Germany, at the weekend. Someone paid £8,000 for a suit that once belonged to Hitler. Idi Amin's underpants went for a more modest £400, and salmon pink knickers once worn by Eva Braun made just £260.*

Red alert

JOHN PRESCOTT will be pleased that his favourite pop star at least is happy to toe the party line. Mick Hucknall's band, Simply Red, was actually named after Manchester United, but he has always been open about voting Labour, and has asked Tony Blair for a role in the general election effort.

Blair's agent, John Burton, is dealing with the request. "I'm sure we can find something for Mick to do. Tony will be getting in touch," he says. Best bet is that Hucknall will be briefed by "snake-hips" Prescott, who loves a smooch with his wife to Hucknall's ballads.



Hucknall: happy to help

● *A figure hopped onto a District Line train in London the other day, sat down and opened a pocket German grammar. Turning to a fellow passenger he confided, slightly desperately: "I've just got back from holiday. I've forgotten all my German." He needs to pull his finger out. For the swotting traveller was Christopher Meyer, the Prime Minister's former press secretary, who takes over in July as our man in Bonn.*

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DARKNESS IN DAMASCUS

Even Israel knows disconcertingly little about Assad's goals

As Warren Christopher shuttles between Jerusalem and Damascus conjuring optimism out of air, his mission bears not only on Hezbollah and Israel's Operation Grapes of Wrath, but on the wider Middle Eastern drama to which Lebanon's civilians have again become the tragic chorus. He has said, wisely, that the US wants not just a ceasefire but "an enduring set of understandings" to prevent any return to this month's carnage.

At the least, these would have to be not just understandings but written agreements. They would have to impose credible curbs on Hezbollah, tighter than those contained in the informal rules negotiated by Mr Christopher in 1993. Even before Hezbollah tore up this rulebook by resuming rocket attacks on Israel, it was playing foul, exploiting Israel's pledge not to attack Lebanese villages by using them as bases from which to launch attacks. But if American mediation is to address Israel's underlying security dilemma, there must be a guaranteed end to all Hezbollah guerrilla action against Israel. Israel has repeatedly stated that if this were achieved, it would be willing to withdraw from the "security zone" which it occupies in southern Lebanon.

To be convincing, such a guarantee would have to be underwritten by the man who wields ultimate power in Lebanon — Syria's President Assad. With around 35,000 Syrian troops and perhaps a million civilians in Lebanon, Mr Assad does not lack the power to curb Hezbollah. In the middle of a taut Israeli election campaign, he understood perfectly that Israeli retaliation against Hezbollah's rockets was bound to be ferocious. He rightly anticipated that it would only be a matter of time before international protests swelled and America hastened to convert danger into opportunity before Arab outrage froze the Middle East peace process.

The possibility exists that such a freeze is just what Mr Assad wants — that, and the bonus of reinforcing his claim, dented by Israel's peace with Jordan and the progress on the Palestinian issue, that there could never be peace in the Middle East without Syria. He is a dictator of extreme cunning, whose every move is conditioned by his determination to retain power. After the death of his eldest son he needs time to groom his second son for the succession. But disconcertingly little is known, in Washington and even in Israel, about what he calculates will best serve this purpose.

Recovery of the Golan Heights in a peace deal with Israel would be genuinely popular, but peace could bring in its wake demands for more freedoms at home. Mr Assad may calculate that a continued state of war with Israel, which he could use to justify his draconian rule, is less risky. If he wants to stall the negotiations, a Likud victory in the elections would suit his purpose.

Each rocket that hits Kiryat Shmona sharpens Israeli public anxiety about giving up the Golan Heights and swells the potential Likud vote. Even if Mr Peres wins, each attack makes it harder for any Israeli government to negotiate peace. But Syria does not hold every card. It has invested heavily in stabilising Lebanon. Israel's ruthless campaign has sent 400,000 refugees flooding north into Beirut and destroyed key installations. By Israel's own admission, its aim is to destabilise the country once more and to scare off investors. By raising the cost to Syria of supporting Hezbollah, it hopes to propel it back to the negotiating table.

If Mr Assad fears peace more than war, such considerations will not sway him. Yesterday in Jerusalem, all that Mr Christopher could report was that the Syrian President might possibly be prepared to confirm the 1993 pact in writing — an offer so inadequate that Mr Peres cannot but refuse. Unless Mr Assad curbs Hezbollah, his reputation as a sponsor of terrorism and an enemy of peace stands. If he wishes to be interpreted otherwise, he must begin to address Israel's legitimate security concerns, in Lebanon today and, ultimately, on the Golan Heights.

THE T-WORD

Who are the rich, and what is tax for?

John Prescott told Clare Short yesterday to stick to agreed Labour policy or get out of the Shadow Cabinet, a perfectly reasonable injunction save for one awkward fact. On tax, Labour has no policy to which to stick. As one Labour spokesman noted in response to Tory charges that Ms Short had revealed the party's secret policy on tax: "You cannot reveal a secret if it does not exist."

As the election approaches, Labour leaders will come under growing pressure over taxes: and the worst of this pressure may come not from the media and the Tories but from the unreconstructed advocates of income redistribution on Labour's own left wing. Gordon Brown may have promised that Labour would never again "tax for the sake of taxing", but many traditional socialists — including Ms Short, if she were free to express herself — believe in precisely that. They find wealth "obscene", particularly in a society where millions are still poor, and they believe that drastically narrowing the gap between rich and poor is one of the main functions of taxation. The problem for Labour with this doctrine is twofold.

First, there is strong evidence that the doctrine of income redistribution, which used to be accepted even by Conservative politicians in the 1960s, is no longer endorsed as a general principle by the voters. Phrases from that era such as "soak the rich" — crudely, but nonetheless aptly, labelled by Tories as the politics of envy — now sound decidedly dated. One of the great services performed for Britain by Margaret Thatcher was to make material success and wealth respectable and even admirable again.

Labour's second problem is that even those voters who still want to tax the rich as an end in itself disagree on who the rich are. Ms Short, for example, seems to believe that it takes only £35,000 a year to be rich in today's Britain. But this would be strongly contested by the many teachers, policemen, and other public servants who earn such a sum already, or hope to earn it as they climb the ladder of promotion. And even higher incomes of £50,000 or £100,000 are now within the reach of many civil servants, doctors, and managers whose lifestyles and social standing have nothing in common with the tiny band of film stars, entrepreneurs and aristocrats to whom the adjective "rich" can unambiguously be applied.

Most people today understand that income inequalities are not simply the result of one group of people exploiting another in a zero-sum class war over the national wealth. Inequality is caused by the market economy, but is also a condition for its success. The market economy adds to the wealth of the nation, making even its poorest members far better off than they would be in an egalitarian socialist state. In a mixed economy, the purpose of taxation is not to eradicate inequality, but to help people who cannot earn an adequate living in the market, and to pay for services that may be best provided by the State, such as education and health.

Mr Blair seems to have understood this distinction between levelling and social provision. He claims to be proud of living in a country where hard-working people can "become rich". Much of his party, however, still clings to the Marxist view that if the rich are rich it must be at the expense of the poor. To judge by Mr Blair's fears of an uncontrollable backlash from such Levellers on his back benches, the biggest battle for the soul of the Labour Party may still lie ahead. It could prove a disaster for Britain, and for Mr Blair, if this battle is only joined in earnest after Labour comes to power.

A TRUE NOTE

Music's ambassador to the world turns 80 today

Yehudi Menuhin, the infant prodigy who astonished audiences and captivated Elgar, Toscanini and other musical giants when the world was still recovering from the First World War, today celebrates his 80th birthday. At Saturday's special concert in the Albert Hall, reviewed on page 13, the musical world paid tribute to the century's most famous violinist.

Perhaps more than any living artist, Yehudi Menuhin is music's ambassador to the world. There is scarcely a capital in which he has not played, an honorary degree or decoration he does not hold or a statesman he has not met. Britain can be proud that this American-born offspring of Russian Jewish immigrants who spent his boyhood on trains puffing across America from one performance to another and has rarely spent more than 40 days in one place, eventually settled here. It was only when he recently became a citizen, however, that Britain was able to honour him — with a knighthood and then a peerage — for what he has given his adopted country: his celebrated violin school, the Bath festival that he directed and his Live Music Now! project to encourage young players to bring music to those deprived of its inspiration: children with special needs, adults with learning difficulties, the elderly and prisoners.

Lord Menuhin, a prolific correspondent to this newspaper, is now more familiar to the young as a public figure — humanist, philanthropist and champion of liberal causes. There is about him a woolly cloud of saintliness, thickened by a certain amiable eccentricity and political naivety. He bubbles with schemes for halting wars, ending starvation, redeeming criminals or saving the environment. The latest are MUSE-E, founded to inspire the underprivileged through universal primary school music and dance, and the Mozart Fund to prevent torture, fight disease and save the Alpine environment.

These good works should not obscure his incomparable career as a virtuoso. It is at least a decade since he last took up his violin, but a recent French compilation of archive film makes clear why he so moved audiences all those years ago, or why the elderly Elgar, after hearing Menuhin rehearse only a few bars of his new Violin Concerto, felt confident enough to put down his baton and announce that he was off to the races. Lord Menuhin, a man of strong moral convictions, has championed human rights not just with words, but by leading the musical boycott of Hitler, playing for concentration camp victims, befriending Soviet dissidents, calling in the Knesset for peace with the Arabs, or, perhaps at greatest personal cost, pressing after the war for reconciliation with Germany. He has much to celebrate today.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour's plans for reform of Lords

From Viscount Runciman of Doxford, FBA

Sir, May I take issue with Lord Kennet (letter, April 16) about the method of selecting the members of a reformed House of Lords?

I, like Lord Kennet, write as a hereditary peer, and I agree with him that we should not be constitutionally entitled to our places. But it is misleading to say, as he does, that an appointed House would be "the greatest quango of them all". It all depends on by what method, and according to what criterion, the appointments are made. Most positions of serious responsibility, from High Court judges to university professors to senior civil servants to captains of national sporting teams, are filled by appointment. And so, surely, they should be, always provided that the selection is genuinely based on merit.

A reformed House of Lords would ideally consist of men and women all of whom, for a variety of reasons, were particularly well qualified to perform the revising and advising functions for which a second chamber exists. There may be a case for some members to be elected to represent particular interests and for some to be appointed on overt party political grounds. But there is also, I submit, a strong case for a quota system whereby a substantial proportion of members were appointed, as some are at present, on merit independently of either parentage or patronage.

I may add that I have suggested the outline of a scheme on these lines to the leaders of both the major political parties, but to no discernible effect.

Yours faithfully,
RUNCIMAN,
House of Lords.
April 17.

From the Earl of Harrowby

Sir, It would seem that Mr Blair's intention is to mutilate and perhaps ultimately destroy the House of Lords. After a widespread career starting in 1940, I joined the House, by heredity, in 1987 and I have been surprised and impressed over the ensuing years by its efficacy and all-embracing expertise — and its deference to the will of the electorate.

Why "cut off your nose . . . "?

Yours faithfully,
HARROWBY,
Sandon Hall, Stafford.
April 19.

Whistleblowers Bill

From Mr Don Touhig, MP for Islwyn (Labour)

Sir, Jon Ashworth's article (Business, April 17) on the enormous sums being lost to UK business by white-collar crime recognises the potential of the Public Interest Disclosure Bill to stop the rot. The official reports into Maxwell, Barlow Clowes, BCCI and Barings show that employees who spoke up were victimised and that others who knew the truth were cowed into silence. As your article shows, £1 million frauds in average-size companies can easily go undetected while fraudsters know that their colleagues are too frightened to sound the alarm.

One would expect the Government to back a measure which offered some protection to employees who act responsibly to check serious crimes and malpractice. As that measure is supported by leading business and professional groups and has received unanimous endorsement on the floor of the Commons, your article reasonably assumed that the legislation could be in force early next year.

I regret to have to advise you and your readers that such an assumption appears premature. Today in committee, despite the efforts of MPs on all sides to meet the Government's detailed concerns and to speed this measure on to the statute book, insufficient progress was made.

When no organisation has opposed the measures in my Bill and when the Minister has refused to meet me to discuss how progress might be made, I can only wonder at the objection. As the Government wishes to deny the protection to its own employees the reason may be embarrassment over the scale of frauds and serious malpractice in Whitehall and the public sector.

Yours faithfully,
DON TOUHIG,
House of Commons.
April 17.

Services' pecking order

From Mr Graeme J. Hitchen

Sir, Your report (April 8; also letter, April 9) about the social qualities of RAF officers reminded me of a summary given to me during my own RAF commissioned service (1981-90) by an Army officer colleague and very good friend. The Navy is full of officers trying to be gentlemen, the Army is full of gentlemen trying to be officers, and the Air Force is full of neither trying to be both.

Yours sincerely,
GRAEME J. HITCHEN,
3 High Bank, Mill Lane,
Bradley, Keighley, West Yorkshire.
April 9.

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Court of human rights defended

From the Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London

Sir, Sir Michael Davies's letter (April 17) about the European Court of Human Rights is ill-informed and offensive.

He says there is no appeal from its decisions: but that is because it is already in effect an appeal court from the decisions of the Commission. The process has to stop somewhere, just as it does with domestic courts.

I do not know if it is the case that most of the present judges of the court are academics, but on what evidence does Sir Michael assert that academics "are notoriously bad at judging"? We have never properly put it to the test in this country, but those of our judges who have been academics are usually among the most distinguished members of the judiciary; and the experience of countries such as the United States and Canada, with whose legal systems I am familiar, where many academics are appointed to the bench at all levels, contradicts Davies's assertion. Some of the Commonwealth's and America's most outstanding judges have been academics. It has also to be said that the record of non-academic English judges on matters of human rights and civil liberties has often been dismal by any standards.

His third point about the judges not being truly independent but "fanatically devoted to the federalistic concept" I simply do not understand in the context of the Court of Human Rights and can only suppose that Sir Michael is not in fact familiar with the jurisprudence of the court.

There is scope for reform, and not every judgment of the court has been impressive, but its record overall is good and has corrected many defects in our own law which our own courts have been either unable or sometimes unwilling to do.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM ZELLICK, Principal,
Queen Mary and Westfield College,
University of London, E1 4NS.
April 17.

Should lawyers work a longer day?

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, Joel Parkes, who proposes that courts should sit from 9am to 6pm ("A longer day for lawyers", Law, April 16), is neither a barrister nor a solicitor. He seems to have no concept of the intense concentration required of barristers and judges during a trial, nor how tiring this is. A fair trial requires time for mature consideration of the evidence.

Parkes also discloses that he is out of touch with reality in assuming that the working day for judges and lawyers is 10.30am to 4.30pm with weekends free.

When the court rises for the day the barrister frequently has a conference with his client in the trial going on, or another, and has to write advices and settle pleadings in other cases. My own conference yesterday with a distressed woman lasted six hours.

All this is apart from the demands made on jurors and witnesses as well as the accused. Tired judges, jurors and lawyers are no recipe for a fair trial.

Yours faithfully,
STANLEY BEST,
Glebe Cottage,
Broadwood Kelly, Winkleigh, Devon.
April 17.

From Mr J. McNab

Sir, Should not Mr Parkes be arguing for a longer court day on the grounds that it is more convenient for members of the public, for whom the lawyers are supposed to provide a service?

Just a thought.

Yours etc,
J. McNAB,
11 Balgeddie Court,
Glenrothes, Fife.
April 16.

Future of transport

From Graham Allen, MP for Nottingham North (Labour)

Sir, The plan to abolish the Department of Transport (report, April 15) makes a lot of sense — if you have a Government with no ideas and no strategy for tackling the nation's transport problems.

A Labour government will provide the new national transport framework which the country so badly needs to overcome congestion and pollution. Properly integrated with regional strategies and meaningful local transport plans, it will provide the necessary structure to unite various forms of transport and get the country moving again.

Government policy does not seek to integrate transport. This is not the fault of the DoT or the Civil Service but of a Government which has run out of steam.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM ALLEN
(Shadow Minister for Transport),
Room 506,
7 Millbank, SW1.
April 16.

From Mr Ed Passant

Sir, Britain suffers from an almost complete lack of strategic thinking about its national transport needs. To break up the Department of Transport will fragment transport-related policies and decisions.

Your report suggests that officials believe the DoT is "running out of things to do". This is a staggering indictment of the failure of government to take a proper lead in the development of a national, integrated policy that takes into account the needs of industry, the working population and elderly and disabled people, and the growing concerns about pollution effects.

We need considerably more coordination.

Yours faithfully,
E. PASSANT
(Chair),
Community Transport
Association (UK),
A Block, 211 Arlington Road,
Camden Town, NW1.
April 17.

Care of Kenwood

From the Director of Collections, English Heritage

Sir, I am prompted to write by your reports this week (April 15 and 18; also Diary, April 18) on the care of Kenwood and the call "for a full-time curator to be reinstated".

The truth is there has not been a curator devoted full-time to Kenwood for the past thirty years. Under the Greater London Council, Kenwood was the administrative centre for the Historic Houses Division. The curator and his two assistants (of which I was one) divided their week between Kenwood and houses in Twickenham and Blackheath as well as County Hall as advisers to the GLC on other artistic matters.

There are now four curators caring for four London houses — Kenwood, Marble Hill, Ranger's House, Chiswick House — in addition to a Director of London Region.

Throughout all the recent debate, no one has criticised the condition of the works of art which, for the past ten years, have been maintained to the highest curatorial standards by English Heritage.

Such care will not be diminished while English Heritage is in the proud position of being guardian of Lord Iveagh's magnificent bequest to the nation.

Yours faithfully,
JULIUS BRYANT,
Director of Collections,
English Heritage, 23 Savile Row, W1.
April 19.

Prescription costs

From Mr A. Parnaby-Price, FRCSEd

Sir, I would like to suggest possible alternatives to Melinda Letts's recommendation (letter, April 9) of the "season ticket" to cover the cost of prescriptions by those not exempted from payment.

The £5.50 fee is charged for each type of drug on the prescription, not for the quantity of each dispensed. Whilst hospitals often attempt to limit cost by dispensing only the first few days of a course of treatment (typically a supply to last two weeks), GPs are not so limited.

Most modern drugs have a long shelf-life and can be safely stored at a patient's home until required. It would therefore be reasonable to request a supply to last several months on each prescription rather than acquiring small quantities at monthly intervals with the resultant multiplication of charges.

Many drugs, particularly eye drops and common antibiotics, cost only a few pence but still incur a £5.50 charge if purchased as a National Health Service prescription. It is often worth inquiring whether a small quantity is cheaper if bought either over the counter or as a private prescription instead of incurring an NHS prescription charge.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN PARNABY-PRICE,
39 The Hawthorns,
Charvil, nr Reading,
Berkshire.
April 10.

Old soldiers

From Air Chief Marshal Sir Joseph Gilbert

Sir, Mr Patrick Bradley (letter, April 15) asks whether any action is being taken to ensure that the inscriptions on headstones in Tyne Cot military cemetery, near Ypres, and on the panels of the Menin Gate memorial are kept legible.

I am happy to be able to reassure him that officials of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission regularly inspect all structures within their care to ensure that legibility is maintained.

Indeed, since 1985, 72 panels on the Menin Gate memorial have been replaced and between 1992 and 1995 1,070 headstones at Tyne Cot have been re-engraved in whole or part. At any given time a number of inscriptions will be approaching the stage where professional attention is needed, but these will have been recorded and action planned accordingly.

It is the commission's proud task to ensure that all Commonwealth servicemen and women who died in the two world wars are remembered individually, by name on headstone or memorial, for all time.

Sincerely,
JOSEPH GILBERT
(Vice-Chairman),
Commonwealth War Graves
Commission,
2 Marlow Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
April 16.

Hymns that help upon life's journey

From Mr Philip J. Duke

Sir, Mrs Ann Hughes (letter, April 13), fearful of the M5/M6 interchange, would do well to consider a Methodist hymn, *Where cross the crowded ways of life* (Frank Mason North).

If this fails she could use the great hymn by Charles Wesley, *Come, O Thou Traveller unknown*, which contains the encouraging lines, "I leap for joy, pursue my way, And as a bounding hart fly home."

Sincerely,
PHILIP J. DUKE,
3 Hawkstone Grove,
Helsby, Warrington, Cheshire.
April 15.

From Mrs Ann Buxton

Sir, Mrs Hughes may agree that a couple of phrases from *Hills of the North rejoice* are appropriate: "Lo, from the North they come, from East and West and South" and, for less congested times, "He comes to reign with boundless sway, And makes their wastes His great highway."

Yours etc,
ANN BUXTON,
8 Gosling Grove,
Downley, High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire.
April 14.

From Mr Fritz Spiegl

Sir, When my youngest daughter married, and I did what is expected of fathers, a friend suggested *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, no 350, with emphasis on verse four: "Be present, awful Father, to give away this bride."

Now that my middle daughter is retraining as a plumber, verse two of no 300 might be suitable: "Crown Him, ye morning stars of light, Who fix'd this floating ball."

For the tax inspectors' new self-assessment scheme? "Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite will I withhold" (from *Sankey's Sacred Songs*).

Yours faithfully,
FRITZ SPIEGL,
4 Windermere Terrace,
Liverpool 8.
April 13.

Restoring Old Masters

From Mr David Gould

Sir, In my long experience in the fine art world I have invariably concluded that paintings were damaged in the distant past, when all manner of esoteric materials were used by picture cleaners and restorers who were secretive about them. It is highly unlikely that paintings will be ruined nowadays (report and photograph, April 18) by the solvents employed to dissolve discoloured varnish.

If Mr Martin Wyld's blue shirt (shown in your colour photograph), was covered by a thin yellow sheet of transparent plastic, it would appear to be green. In the same way, a yellowing varnish gives a false impression of the actual tones of a picture.

We know that many Old Masters used warm glazes. Unfortunately, generations of restorers have stripped these away. In 60 years I have never had the good fortune to see and examine an early Italian or Dutch picture which had survived untouched since the day it was painted.

Consequently, I would regard the outcry by Artwatch with great caution.

Yours truly,
DAVID GOULD,
Highcroft,
South Woodchester, Gloucestershire.
April 18.

One or the other

From Mr Robin Dyke

Sir, All right is all right (letters, April 12, 17); alright is all wrong.

Yours faithfully,
R. DYKE,
18 Henfield View, Warborough,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.
April 18.

A class of his own

From Mr Paul Ketteridge

Sir, My father-in-law proudly maintained that, while his wife was working-class, he was a peasant. I think he felt he had married beneath him (letters, April 18).

Yours faithfully,
PAUL KETTERIDGE,
Bankside Cottage, 7 Church Street,
North Marston, Buckingham.
April 18.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 20: The Prince Edward arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning from Japan.
Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, Gloucestershire Rugby Football Union, this afternoon attended the final of the County Championship at Twickenham, Middlesex.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 20: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this evening attended the Yehudi Menuhin 80th Birthday Concert, at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 21: Today is the Seventieth Anniversary of the Birthday of The Queen.
Mr Adrian Osborne was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).
The Duke of Edinburgh, President, National Playing Fields Association, today attended a charity cricket match at Wormsley, near High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
The Lord Lucas of Crudwell, Lord in Waiting, was present at Waterloo Station this evening upon the Arrival of the President of Mongolia and Mrs Tsezelmaa, and welcomed His Excellency and Mrs Tsezelmaa on behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 21: The Princess Royal, President, this evening attended the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, followed by a Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 21: The Duke of Kent, President, this afternoon took the Salute at The Queen's Scout Parade, Windsor Castle, Berkshire.

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a reception and dinner at Syon House at 6.40 given by her lord-lieutenants to mark her 70th and the Duke's 75th birthdays.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Cheam Hawtreys School, Headley, Newbury, at noon.

The Duke of Gloucester, patron, New Islington and Hackney Housing Association, will attend a reception at Coutts and Company, 440 Strand, at 7.00; and, as patron of The Japan Society, will attend the annual dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.40.

The Duke of Kent, patron, will attend a concert by the Hanover Band, Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.40.

Memorial services

Mr Daniel Cunningham
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Daniel John Chapman Cunningham, physiologist, was held on Saturday in the Chapel of University College, Oxford. The Rev Bill Sykes officiated. Dr John Cunningham, son, read the lesson.

Mr Geoffrey Foxcroft
A memorial service for Mr Geoffrey Foxcroft, Head of Science at Rugby School, 1959-80, was held on Saturday in the school Chapel. The Rev Keith Lanyon Jones, Chaplain, officiated. Miss Jane Foxcroft, daughter, gave a reading.

Nature notes

The summer visitors are at last beginning to flock in. The rippling songs of willow warblers float down from the birch trees, which are only just beginning to show their leaves, while blackcaps are singing in short, passionate bursts in the woodland oaks. Jackdaws are building their nests: they waddle up the branches with enormous twigs in their beak, and drop them into crevices in the trunk. Longtailed tits have grown quieter in the hedges: both sexes incubate in turn the dozen tiny eggs in their domed and feathered nests. Some mallard ducklings are already out of the egg and swimming close to their mother. The horse-chestnut trees erupted into leaf in the weekend sunshine; on some trees the pyramidal flowers are already emerging in the middle of the leaf rosettes. Some sycamores are looking more yellow than green, where flowers are dangling down among the opening leaves. There are broad banks of lesser celandine along the ditches, and here and there greater stitchwort is opening close by. Gorse bushes are in full golden flower, and in grassy places cowslips tremble. DJM

The willow warbler

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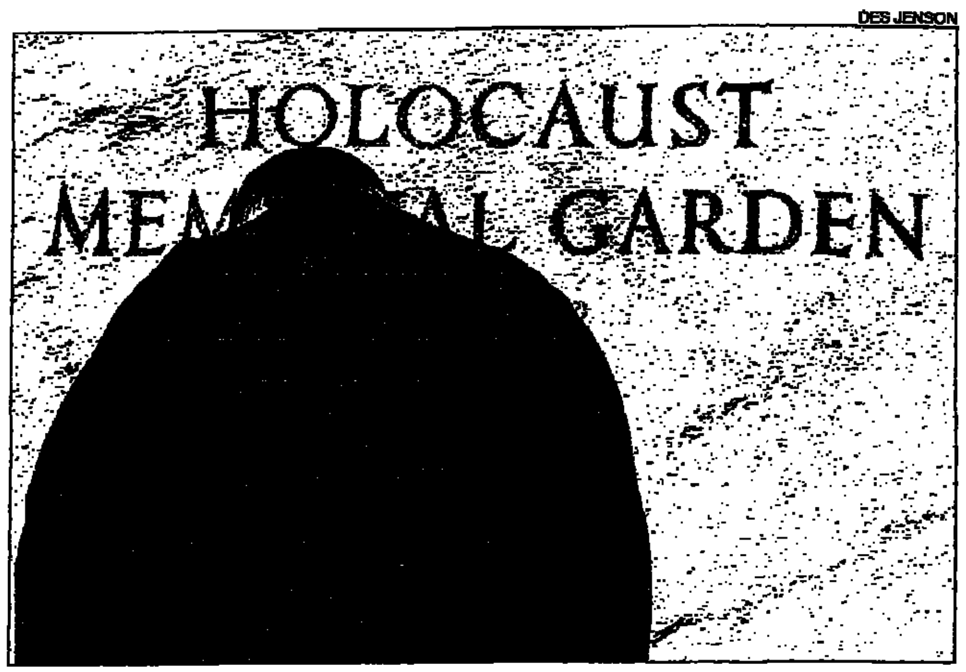

The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, at a Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Ha'Shoah) service at the Holocaust Memorial in Hyde Park, London, yesterday

School news

The Arts Educational School, Tring Park
The Summer Term begins today at The Arts Educational School, Tring Park, and Rebecca Teall begins her term of office as Head Girl. The Music Showcase is on May 22 and 23, and Founders Day is July 6. Term ends with the Midsummer Ball on Friday, July 12.

Bromsgrove School
School convenes today for the summer term. The summer concert will be held on Thursday, May 9. *Measure for Measure* will be performed in the Drama Studio on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 1, 2, and 3. Term ends with Commemoration Day on Saturday, June 29.

The Cheltenham Ladies' College
Term opens today at The Cheltenham Ladies' College. Half term is from 12.30pm on Saturday, May 25 to Sunday, June 2, 1996 (inclusive). The College Choir will sing at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on Monday, April 29. On Monday, May 6, College will host an Embroidery Exhibition in association with the Cotswold Embroiderers' Guild and GLOSCAT, open daily 10.00am to 5.00pm, ending Friday, May 10, at 1.00pm. Confirmation by the Bishop of Gloucester will be on May 11. The Guild Biennial Dinner takes place on Saturday, May 18, and the Guest Speaker is Cheryl Gillan, MP (College: 1963-69). The Preacher at the College Service on Sunday, May 19, will be the Revd Sarah Chapman (College: 1967-73). Baroness Young, DL, will be the Guest Speaker at Speech Day on Saturday, July 13. Term ends on Saturday, July 13, 1996.

On Friday and Saturday, October 11 and 12, 1996, The Cheltenham Ladies' College will host *The Star Fair*, in aid of the National Star Centre and The College Bursaries Fund. A Grand Reception (ticket only) will take place on the Friday evening, including a preview of around 50 gift stalls. On Saturday, October 12, everyone is welcome to visit The Star Fair, which includes a unique exhibition of College archive material and literary events in celebration of the Cheltenham Festival of Literature 1996.

Cobham Hall
The Summer Term begins today at Cobham Hall. The new Guardian is Rakhee Mirpuri and the Deputy Guardians are Hsuan-Yen Liu and Veronika Rupp. Sixth Form Scholarships have been awarded to Jodi Chater (Fort Pitt School, Rochester), Nicola Finn (Rochester Grammar School), Leyla Kent (Cobham Hall), Kathryn Stubbs (Wilmington Grammar School) and Ada Wong (Cobham Hall). A full Junior Scholarship has been awarded to Lucinda Skinner (Cobham Primary School) and half Junior Scholarships have been awarded to Lauren Baker (Shernold School, Maidstone), Lucy Nicholls (Gravesend Convent Prep School), Amanda Tyrell (Cobham Primary School) and Kimberley Wadham (Shernold School, Maidstone). There is an Open Day for parents of prospective pupils on Saturday, May 4. Elders' Day is on Saturday, May 18, and Festival Day and the Unicorn Ball on Saturday, July 6. Term ends on Sunday, July 7.

Ibstock Place, The Froebel School
The Summer Term begins today. Edward Fisher continues as Head Boy and Caroline Newte Hardie as Head Girl. Half Term will be from Monday, May 27 to Friday, May 31. Senior School Speech Day will be on Thursday, July 4 and the Ibstock in India Expedition will set off on the same day. Details of the Old Ibstonian Association Cocktail Party, to be held on September 21, to mark the 50th anniversary of the School's move to Roehampton, may be obtained from the Headmistress's Secretary.

Northbourne Park School
The Summer Term starts today with 227 pupils on roll. Parents, Old NPS and friends are invited to our Celebration Day on Monday, May 6, when there are numerous events taking place. Please ring the school for an invitation on 01304 611215/611218. Mr Michael Morpurgo will be our guest of honour at Speech Day on Saturday, June 29.

Reigate Grammar School
The Summer Term begins today with Simon Davis as the new School Captain. There will be a performance of Haydn's *Creation* in Reigate Park Church on Friday, May 10. The Athletic Sports will take place at Hartswood on Saturday, July 6 and the Commemoration Service will be on Wednesday, July 10. The term will end on Friday, July 12, when Mr J.G. Hamlin will be retiring after fourteen years as Headmaster.

Saint Felix School, Southwold, Suffolk
Summer term begins today. The Gala Auction will be held on the afternoon of Monday, May 6, preview from 2pm. Confirmation takes place on Friday, May 10, in the School Chapel. Chairman of Governors, Mr Clive Mann and his wife, Dr Anna Mann's Garden Party will be held in Minsmere on Sunday, June 9. Parents' Day is Saturday, July 6, when the mystery Guest of Honour will open the new indoor swimming pool. Old Felicians are invited to contact the School for the programme of Centenary events.

St George's School, Ascot
Boarders returned to St George's School on Sunday, April 21, for the Summer Term. The Friends of St George's are hosting a St George's Day Celebration on Sunday, April 28, at School from noon to 4.00pm to which all Georgians past and present will be very welcome. Half-term will be from Friday, May 24, to Sunday, June 2. Freshers' Day for 1996 entry will be held on Sunday, 9 June. Sports Day will be held on Friday, June 28. The 10th Annual Summer Concert *Music for a Summer Evening* will be held at the School on Wednesday, July 3, when a presentation will be made to the Bursar, Mr Gordon Eggleston, to mark his retirement. The Sixth Form Leavers' Ball will be held on Friday, July 5. Term ends Friday, July 5.

St Anne's School, Windermere
The Summer term begins today. The new Headmaster is Ross Hunter who comes to the School from Aiglon College in Switzerland. The Head Girl is Helen Roberts and the Deputies are Julia Tizard and Sarah Tweedale. The School will be welcoming exchange pupils from Round Square Schools in Germany, India, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia. Girls will represent the School at the Mini Round Square Conference in April at Box Hill and there will be exchange visits to Germany, France, Spain and the United States of America. There will be a meeting of the Stannite Committee on Saturday, May 18. Sports Day and Open Day at the Senior School will be on Friday, June 21 and at Elleray School there will be an Open Morning on Friday, June 28, followed by the Elleray Summer Ball in the evening. Prize Day is on Friday, July 5, when the Guest of Honour will be Colonel Mark Cook, OBE, founder of Hope and Homes for Children. Term will finish after the presentations.

Marriages

Mr A.G.J. Spooner
and Miss J. Dearie
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Pytchley, Northamptonshire, of Mr Adrian Spooner, son of Sir James and Lady Spooner, of Pytchley, and Miss Janet Dearie, of Mississauga, Ontario. The Rev Paul Gatenby officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jennifer, Heather and Christine Boake, Jessica Rayner, Eloise Smail, Ella and Charles Girardot, Molly Moody, Thomas Pycraft and Ivo Parker. Mr William Spooner was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom.

Mr J.H. Leaf
and Miss A.H.F Stanford
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter and St Paul's, Hambledon, Hampshire, of Mr Jeremy Leaf, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Leaf, of Thrussington, Leicestershire, to Miss Alicia Stanford, younger daughter of the late Admiral Sir Peter Stanford and of Mrs Derek Bazalgette, of Hambledon. The Rev Roy Kingston and the Rev Victor Searle-Barnes officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Guy Stanford, was attended by Lucie Earle and Katharine Soloman. Mr Geoffrey Wright was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr P. Darmanin
and Miss B. Popovac
The marriage took place on April 20, at the Old Parish Church, St Julians, Malta, between Mr Peter Darmanin and Miss Biljana Popovac.

Mr C. Mason
and Miss S.M. Weston
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 20, at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, London, of Mr Charles Mason, son of Mr and Mrs Miles Mason, and Miss Sophia Weston, daughter of Mr and Mrs Garry Weston. The Rev Sandie Cairns officiated.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by George Weston, Charles Hobhouse, Alice Hobhouse, George Khayat, Helena Khayat and Max Wills. Mr Robert Mason was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal Academy and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr T.G. Rawlins
and Dr S.J.M. Pett
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 20, in Downside Abbey, of Mr Timothy Rawlins and Dr Sophia Pett. Father Luke Bell, OSB, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Felicity Cross, Felicity Pett, Thomas Rawlins and Beth Rawlins. Mr Steven Henderson was best man.

A reception was held at Downside and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy and France.

Mr G.A.V. Rees
and Mrs L-M. Syme
The marriage took place on April 20, 1996, in London, of Mr George Rees and Mrs Lynette Syme, née Stallard, both of Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Armitage
and Miss S. Warner
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Armitage, of Chelsea, London, and Shonda, daughter of Mr James Warner, and Mrs Karmon Amsler, both of Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr P.R. Coke-Wallis
and Miss N.E.M. Jones
The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Mr Ross Coke-Wallis, of Le Lot, France, and Mrs Yvonne Goble, of Upton Snodsbury, Worcestershire, and Natalie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Jones, of St Neots, Cambridgeshire.

Mr A.N. Fell
and Miss C.M.H. Dickinson
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fell, of Luckington, Wiltshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Dickinson, of Waddesdon, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.A. Grenier
and Miss E.K. Turner
The engagement is announced between Michael, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Grenier, of Guildford, Surrey, and Emma, daughter of the late Professor Paul Turner, CBE, MD, and of Mrs Katie Turner, of Ascot, Berkshire.

Mr J.N.B. Hack
and Miss K.L. Sumner
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Mr John Hack and of Mrs Adrienne Pearman, of London, and Karen, daughter of the late Mr Colin Sumner and of Mrs Anne Sumner, of Portsmouth.

Mr R.C.J. Hicks
and Dr J.P. Inchley
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Hicks, of Newport, Gwent, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Inchley, of Wollaston, Northamptonshire.

Mr S.N. Powell
and Miss S. Pollock
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr Alan Powell and Ms Susan Powell, of Beckenham, Kent, and Sheena, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Pollock, of Wootton, Boars Hill, Oxfordshire.

Mr M.A.F. Riddington
and Miss A.L. Everall
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs David Riddington, of Wolf Hill House, Newborough, Peterborough, and Louise, daughter of Mr John Everall, of The Old Vicarage, Withington, Shropshire, and Mrs Barbara Everall, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr D. Thomson
and Miss S.K. Knight
The forthcoming marriage is announced between David, only son of the late Mr Henry Thomson and the late Mrs Gwenllian Thomson, of Raybourne House, Islip, Oxon, and Sharon Kelly, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth John Knight, of Hove, Sussex.

Birthdays today

Mr Leo Abse, former MP, 79; Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, former President, Royal Society, 67; Sir Christopher Ball, former Warden, Keble College, Oxford, 61; Mr Lewis Biggs, curator, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, 44; Mr Alan Bond, company chairman and yachtsman, 58; Mr Peter Bowring, former chairman, C T Bowring, 73; Mlle Yvette Chauviré, ballerina assoluta, 79; Sir John Chilcot, civil servant, 57; Mr George Cole, actor, 71; Mr Alan Dukes, a vice-president, Fine Gael Party, 51; Dr Eric Fenby, composer, 90; Major-General Sir John Foley, 57; Mr Peter Goldstein, joint founder, Superdrug, 56; Mr Lloyd Honeyghan, boxer, 36; Mr Ronald Hynd, choreographer, 65; Mr Robert Key, MP, 51; Mr Archy Kirkwood, MP, 50; Mr Nico Ladenis, restaurateur, 62; Mr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost, The Queen's College, Oxford, 67; Lord Menuhin, OM, 80; Mr Jack Nicholson, actor, director and producer, 59; the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, 80; Miss Margaret Pereira, forensic scientist, 68; Viscount Portman, 62; Sir David Ratford, former diplomat, 62; Miss Jancis Robinson, wine writer and broadcaster, 46; Professor Sir Eric Scowen, physician, 86; Mr C.H. Sisson, CH, writer and poet, 82; Mr David Summerscale, Head Master, Westminster School, 59; Sir Robert Wade-Gery, diplomat, 67.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Henry Fielding, novelist, Sharpham Park, Somerset, 1707; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Germany, 1724; Mme de Staël, novelist, Paris, 1766; Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, Russian revolutionary, Ulyanovsk, 1870; Alexander Kerensky, Prime Minister of Russia, 1917, Simbirsk, 1881; Sergei Prokofiev, composer, Sontsovka, Ukraine, 1891; Vladimir Nabokov, novelist, St Petersburg, 1899; Robert Oppenheimer, physicist and pioneer of the atom bomb, New York, 1904.

DEATHS: John Tradescant, traveller and gardener, London, 1662; James Hargreaves, inventor of the spinning jenny, Nottingham, 1778; John Crome, landscape painter, Norwich, 1821; Thomas Rowlandson, caricaturist, London, 1827; Richard Trevithick, pioneer of the locomotive engine, Dartford, 1833; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Prime Minister 1905-08, London, 1908; Roy Campbell, poet, Setubal, Portugal, 1957.

Sirius, a British packet steamer, was the first steamship to cross the Atlantic to New York from England, 1838.

British yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston completed his solo non-stop circumnavigation of the world in 312 days, 1969.

£1 coins were introduced into Britain, replacing notes, 1983.

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How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald, the bringer of good news, announcing deliverance.
Isaiah 52 : 7 (REB)

BIRTHS

ABBOT-DAVIES - In the Sultanate of Oman on April 16th 1996, to Sheena and Hardwin, a son, Thomas Peter Anthony.

BANTLE - To Katy and Keith a son, Daniel James Gryphon, born 11th March.

CRACE - on April 19th to Fiona (née Butterworth) and Christopher a son Jack Edward a brother for Sasha.

CURRIE - A daughter to Harriet and Andrew, Daisy Lulu Artemis, on 3rd April, a sister to Amber Lola. With thanks to maternity staff at St John and St Elizabeth.

DUNCAN - On April 16th in Sydney, Australia, to Betsy (née Brigham) and Martin, a daughter, Madeline Clare, a sister for Prudence and James.

SHORT - On March 24th 1996 at The Seibo Hospital, Tokyo, Japan, to Lena (née Christofidis) and Martin, a second son, Christopher Hugo Winslow.

SIDDIQUI - On 15th April, to Alison (née McEleny) and Jeremy, a son, Frederick Robert Hussain, a brother for Isabel.

DEATHS

ADU - Elizabeth Obenewa. On 15th April aged 78 years in Accra. Beloved wife of the late Mr. A.L. Adu. Much loved mother of Dwomoa, Nana Yaw, Betty and the late Martin, and grandmother of Sanders and Elizabeth. Loved sister of Nyadu, Fell, Rose, Angus and Marion. Funeral in Accra.

BEALE COLLINS - Bill on 13th April. Suddenly on his way to Blackheath rugby with Sally and friends. Very sadly missed by everyone. Tribute at Worth Crematorium, East Grinstead, 2.30pm Thursday 25th April. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I., Poole.

BOOTH - Suddenly at home on 19th April 1996 David Scott aged 46 years, beloved husband of Carolyn Tyrie, 21 Nestfield Drive, Winterley, near Sandbach, devoted father of Donald and Finlay, dear son of Eileen and the late Dr. Herbert W Booth. Funeral Service in the Old Parish Church, Montrose, Angus, Scotland, on Friday 26th April at 1.30 pm. Interment thereafter at Sleepyhillock Cemetery to which all friends are respectfully invited.

BUNKER - Irene Ruth Ella, beloved wife of Bill Bunker and mother of Dick and Bob at Clare House Nursing Home, on 18th April. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip at 11am on Friday 26th April. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The RAF Benevolent Fund.

DEATHS

CROWTHER - On Thursday 18th April 1996 at home at 1.00 am. Edward Shaw Sykes (Teddy). Beloved first husband of Sylvia Moynihan and devoted brother of Nim. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, W8 6LA. Funeral Service: Putney Vale Crematorium Wednesday 24th April 1996 at 3.30 pm.

DAVISON — Peacefully on April 18th Murray, beloved husband of Sheila, father of Shona, Katrina and Ailsa and grandfather of Caitlin and Patrick. Funeral at Winchester Cathedral on Friday 26th April at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the friends of Winchester Cathedral c/o Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester SO23 0HU...............

de CSILLÉRY - Béla suddenly but peacefully on April 17th, beloved husband of the late Gillian. Much loved by his family, Andrew and his fiancée Victoria, and Michael and his wife Tricia, and by his many friends. Funeral Service at St Mary and All Saints Church, Bexley, Kent at 2 pm on Friday April 26th. Family flowers only please but donations to Heart of Kent Hospice or Imperial Cancer Research Fund may be sent c/o Funeral Director Michael Lawrence, 93 King Street, Maidstone, ME14 1BG.

GLADWIN - On April 17th peacefully at home in Thursley. Jill Huntley Gladwin SRN. Beloved wife of George and widow of the late W. Cdr David Collins. Enquiries to H.C. Patrick & Co. (01252) 714884 for funeral arrangements.

HARDY - (Doctor) in her 75th year at home on Thursday 18th April 1996 Margaret Anne Myrtle, widow of Ralph Kenyon, mother of Nigel and Peter, grandmother of Gemma and Annie. In loving memory. Funeral Service on Friday 26th April 1996 at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, 10 am. Flowers and enquiries to F.W. Paine, 71 Walton Road, East Molesey. tel: (0181) 979-5343.

HINDLEY-SMITH - On April 17th Robin, much loved brother of David, peacefully after a short illness in Cuernavaca.

KING - Col. Robin de L. King CBE, Late Royal Sussex Regt. on 18th April suddenly at home. Beloved husband of Doreen, much loved father of Susie, Sally and Tim and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Smarden, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 25th April followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Royal British Legion.

LOVELL SMITH - On April 17th 1996, peacefully at home Anthony (Brush) Lovell Smith, beloved husband of Odeyne, father of Sophia, Marcus and Imogen, father-in-law to Stephanie and grandfather to Nathaniel, Esmé and Gideon. Funeral at Heathfield Church, nr. Taunton at 1 pm on Wednesday 24th April. Enquiries Waterjohns (01278) 662527. Flowers, or donations to Heathfield Church.

DEATHS

MADDEN - John William Ryder, Major late Irish Guards, peacefully on 18th April 1996 aged 82 years. Dearly loved husband of Nita, much loved father and grandfather. Late of Hilton Park, Clones, Co. Monaghan. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm Wednesday 24th April at St Mary's Church, Pembridge, followed by private cremation. A Memorial Service will be held later in Ireland. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the Irish Guards Benevolent Fund c/o A.W. Hughes Funeral Directors, Sunnymead, Gladestry, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3NY.

MADDOCK - Leonard Colin former Director of Thomas Cook & Son and much loved father of Joan, Margaret and Jennifer. Joined his beloved wife Evie on 19th April 1996 in his 89th year. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium 26th April.

MANN-THOMSON - On 7th April 1996, peacefully at Market Harborough, Major John Mann-Thomson, formerly of Lowndes Square, London, brother of the late Jessica Holland. Further enquiries to Ginns & Gutteridge. tel: 0116 2516117.

METCALFE - Evelyn Kathleen, on April 19th 1996 aged 88. Much loved aunt and great-aunt. Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday April 24th at The Parish Church, Waltham St Lawrence at 3.45pm. Family flowers only; donations if wished to Waltham St Lawrence Parish Church Rescue Fund. Enquiries to Lovegrove (01344) 421949.

OWENS, Wynford Idris, late of Barclays Bank, Bethnall Green, on April 19th peacefully at Courtlands New Barnet. Beloved husband of Muriel, father of Barbara and Graham, and grandfather of David, James, Emma, Andrew and Lucy. Funeral service at St Johns, Somerset Road, New Barnet at 12.30pm on Friday 26th April. Family flowers only. Donations to Christian Aid, PO 100 SE1 7RT. Enquiries to J.Blackwell and Sons. Telephone 0181 449 2068.

PAWLE - Nan on 17th April suddenly and peacefully at home. Beloved widow of Roger, very much loved mother of Audrey, Oliver and Nicola, adored grandmother of Michael, Debbie, James, Lucy, Victoria and Jessica, and much loved mother-in-law of Paul, Emma and James. Funeral Service at St Etheldreda's Church, Ely Place, London EC1 on Monday 29th April at 11.45am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Dr Margaret Spittle's Cancer Research Fund, Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W1N 8AA.

PENDRED - Sue (née Richards) peacefully on April 14th. Loving wife of Graham, dear Sister to Fran, Aunt to Alistair. Greatly missed. Funeral 2pm 25th April, St Peter's and Paul's Church, Great Missenden. Flowers c/o Arnold Funeral Services 01494 472572

DEATHS

RAYNER - Greville Hartree on April 17th 1996 peacefully at his home in Teddington aged 82 years. Dearly beloved.

TUCKWELL - Mike of Staplefield, Sussex, on April 17th, dearly loved husband of Sue and father of Alice and George. Funeral to be held at St Mark's Church, Staplefield, 2 pm April 26th. Enquiries P & S Gallagher (01444) 451166.

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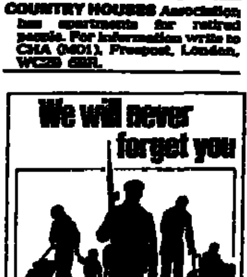
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Dated 2 April 1996
R SMITH - *Liquidator*

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TAKE NOTICE that no Appearance has been entered to the proceedings by or on behalf of the First Named Defendant. By a Notice of Motion issued on behalf of the Plaintiff on the 17th day of April 1996 Judgment in Default of Appearance by the First Named Defendant is sought by the Plaintiff. By Order of the High Court of Ireland made on the 27th day of March 1996 the Plaintiff was given liberty to serve the said Notice of Motion on the First Named Defendant by means of this advertisement.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that on the 14th day of May 1996 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon or at the first available opportunity thereafter Counsel on behalf of the Plaintiff in the above entitled proceedings shall apply to this Honourable Court sitting at the Four Courts, Dublin 7, Ireland for:
(a) Judgment in Default of Appearance against the First Named Defendant in the terms of the Statement of Claim delivered on the 31st July 1995;
(b) Such further or other Order as to this Honourable Court shall seem fit;
(c) The costs of and incidental to the application and of the proceedings.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said application shall be grounded upon the proceedings already had herein, the oral evidence to be adduced by and on behalf of the Plaintiff, the nature of the case and the reasons to be offered.

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OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER MILNE

Christopher Robin Milne, bookshop owner, died on April 20 aged 75. He was born on August 21, 1920.

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN MILNE was the reluctant possessor of one of the most evocative Christian names in Britain. Immortalised by his father, the writer A. A. Milne, as the gingham-smocked companion of Winnie the Pooh, he struggled throughout his life to rid himself of the bothersome legacy of his fictionalised childhood. The little boy with the golden hair who "was saying his prayers" — and has continued to say them in practically every English nursery for the last 70 years — no longer had anything to do with him, Milne would protest. He, like his father, was an agnostic, and the poem *Vespers* was a "toe-curling, fist-clenching lip-biting" source of shame.

Diffident and thoughtful in character, with a gentle nature and a precise love of words, Christopher Milne would become as gloomy as the moth-eaten old donkey Eeyore when the subject of his father's books was broached. His father, he said, had climbed on his infant shoulders and filched his good name. "One day I will write verses about him and see how he likes it," he once declared.

Christopher Robin Milne was born in Chelsea, in a genteel street of bay-windowed cottages where fuchsias and geraniums flourished in fastidious front gardens. His father, despite the affability which his children's books suggest, was distant, though amiable, with his one and only son. Warm, but with a thin lip and ice-cold eye, "his heart remained buttoned up all through his life", Christopher Milne later wrote. As a young boy he passed most of his time with his nanny in a nursery on the top floor of the house. He was taken formally downstairs three times a day to visit his parents: in the morning, when breakfast was nearly over, after tea, when he could scramble around on the drawing room ottoman, and in the evening shortly before he went to bed.

His mother, however, unpreoccupied by writing, was less remote than his father. "Just as Rabbit said to Owl: 'You and I have brains, the others have fluff', my mother had fluff," Milne later said. Her essential value to her husband was that she laughed at his jokes, and sometimes in the evenings she would play games with her young son in the darkness under the dining-room table.

Milne's childhood companion was a girl called Anne. His parents always hoped he would marry her one day. The two children went to kindergarten in Tite Street together — leaving Pooh and Anne's monkey, Jumbo, behind — and their nannies would take them on excursions around London — including, of course, to watch the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace.

Some of the events recounted by his father were indeed true, but the trouble was, Christopher Milne was often to say, he himself could no longer remember exactly what was fact and what was fiction. He never knew, for instance, whether it was he or his father who first invented "pooh-sticks", though after the publication of the stories he did remember playing the game, standing on a wooden bridge and dropping sticks into the stream which flowed through the Ashdown Forest in Sussex, where the Milne family had a country home.

Christopher Robin Milne with his father, A. A. Milne, and the original Winnie the Pooh, in 1928

Small, shy and unselfpossessed, Christopher Milne was clever with his hands. He loved sewing, knitting and making tapestry pictures. By the age of seven he had bestowed upon himself the title of "chief mender" of the family — he took clocks and locks to pieces, rigged up burglar alarms, and even turned a toy pistol into a dangerous weapon. It was always to rankle him that, in the poem *The Engineer*, about the train with the brake, his father made him say: "It's a good sort of brake but it hasn't worked yet." If he *had* made a brake, it would definitely have worked, he said.

Milne was sent to boarding school at Stowe. There he learnt to box so as to defend himself from the gibes of his classmates. But he did not even try to shine as a cricketer as his father, a frequent visitor to Lord's, had hoped. From Stowe he won a scholarship to read English at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1939. However, at the end of his first year, he did not return to university but enlisted instead in the Royal Engineers. He served until the end of the war with 56 Division in the Middle East and in Italy, where he was wounded.

His war service began the severance of his links with his father — with whom his relations became increasingly strained. This process was furthered when, having returned to Cambridge and obtained a degree in English, he decided in 1951 to leave London. He moved to the village of Stoke Fleming and set up a bookshop in nearby Dartmouth, almost, it might seem, in defiance of the damage which books had done him.

For twenty years he ran the shop together with his wife, Lesley de Selincourt, a cousin whom he had married in 1949, despite his parents' hope that he should marry Anne, his childhood friend. At first it was a struggle to make ends meet, but later the business flourished, a transformation largely brought about by the thriving schools' library service which Milne helped to build up in the county of Devon. As he sat behind the counter of his bookshop, Milne was constantly pestered by matronly clients bringing in their progeny to shake hands with "the original Christopher Robin". He would do so with a wanly polite smile. For a fee of £10 — donated to the Save the Children Fund — he would also sign one of his father's books. He also later took advantage of his unwanted fame and fronted a campaign to save Ashdown Forest from the ravages of oil prospectors. The area was not just the home of Owl and Rabbit and Roo, he said, but one of the few areas of outstanding natural beauty in the vicinity of London where city people could come to breathe fresh air.

In 1974 Milne broke a lifetime's habit of reticence and published the first of three autobiographical books, *The Enchanted Places*, an account of his childhood and its disturbing aftermath. The book ended much speculation on the relationship between the exploited child and the parent who was too busy writing to pay attention to his son. "When I was three, my father was three. When I was six, he was six . . . he needed me to escape from being 50," Milne said. He admitted that in leaving London he had been running away, but that in branching out he had found his true identity and finally become independent, both psychologically and financially. In 1979 he followed this book with *The Path Through the Trees*, and in 1982 he published *The Hollow on the Hill*. It was only after finishing these autobiographical works, he said, that he could finally look his dreaded namesake in the eye and feel less embarrassed by him.

Milne is survived by his wife Lesley, and a daughter who has cerebral palsy. Milne found an outlet for his natural aptitude for carpentry by making special furniture for her.

LOUIS OSMAN

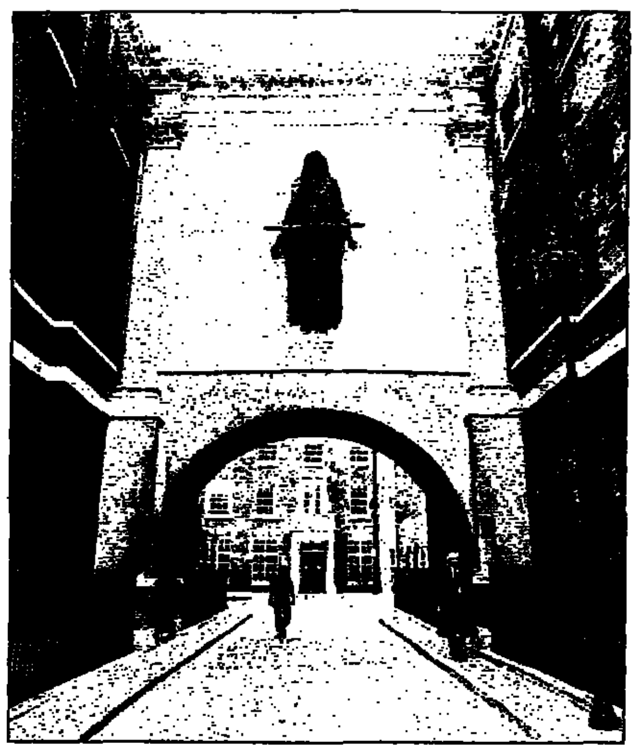
Louis Osman, architect and goldsmith, died on April 11 aged 82. He was born on January 30, 1914.

LOUIS OSMAN was not the traditionalist he might at first have appeared to those who saw his celebrated reconstruction of the north side of London's Cavendish Square. In Cavendish Square he was merely completing an 18th-century composition, the eastern half of which had been razed to the ground during an air raid in the war. It was a faithful reproduction of the original with every detail correct, inside and out. Perhaps, however, Osman's most interesting work, whether designing new buildings or remodelling the interiors of old ones, stemmed from his flair for unifying classical and modern styles within a single structural frame. He took a special delight in stressing the contrasting merits of different centuries in order to make the most of each.

Louis Osman was born in Exeter and educated at Hele's School. He trained professionally at the Bartlett School of Architecture, London University, qualifying in 1931, before going on to study art at the Slade next door. He then began working for Sir Albert Richardson, a specialist in classical design from whom he learnt a great deal about craftsmanship and the use of materials. Osman won the Donaldson Medal of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1935 and a British Museum scholarship which took him on a British School of Archaeology expedition to Syria in 1936. On his return to London the following year, he set up his own practice.

When war broke out, Osman joined the Army's Intelligence Corps and was attached to the Special Air Service before the invasion of Europe. But in 1945 he returned to his practice as an architect.

It was in 1950 that Osman got his first real break, the commission by the Convent of the Holy Child Jesus to reconstruct its buildings on Cavendish Square's north side. These were separated in the middle by a carriageway, and it immediately became clear to Osman that the centreline of this terminated one of the longest vistas in London, the start of which was the portico of St George's, some distance south of Hanover Square. However, its termination had become merely an empty space, and since the only way between the two buildings was via a basement passage, Osman decided to form a positive end to the vista by building a connecting bridge. Then, to pin down the termination finally, he required a piece of sculpture. With the somewhat reluctant agreement of the Convent, he commissioned Jacob Epstein to do the job.



Cavendish Square, London, designed by Louis Osman, with a sculpture by Jacob Epstein

Louis Osman will never be forgotten for commissioning from the sculptor a *Madonna and Child* which, cast in lead to prevent any possible staining of the stonework, was raised from the surface to create an impression of floating. While it is generally regarded as London's finest piece of 20th-century sculpture, and Epstein had a photograph of it in his passport — it was, he said, his passport to Heaven — for Osman it meant success as an architect. Although this gifted and conscientious man (he carried out all his own designs and drawings) was both unworldly and unbusinesslike, commissions rolled in from then on.

Among his best works was a house for the Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge. Osman demonstrated his skill in working with the place (a traditional context) and the requirements of the occupants — mainly that it should be an efficient interior with lots of light: in fact, a thoroughly modern interior. He designed the outside in brick and with windows, to suit the conventional surroundings. But the central courtyard was made completely of glass, to suit the client.

Osman was involved with numerous other buildings, including church restoration at Staunton Harold, Leicestershire, and at Shere, in Surrey; the rebuilding of the Georgian Ranston House, Dorset, designs for St John's, Smith Square, damaged in the war, and for St Edmund Hall, Oxford. At the same time he gave a great deal of attention to his work as a goldsmith. He became extremely well-known in this sphere, designing the treasury at Lincoln Cathedral and, in 1969, the crown for the Prince of Wales for his investiture in Caernarvon Castle. In 1971 Goldsmith Hall put on the Louis Osman Gold Exhibition which had 105 exhibits.

He is survived by his wife Dilys and by their daughter.

BERNARD EDWARDS

Bernard Edwards, pop musician, was found dead in his hotel in Tokyo on April 18 aged 43. He was born in Greenville, North Carolina, on October 31, 1952.

BERNARD EDWARDS was better known to the record-buying public as one of three male members of Chic, the superslick disco band which produced some of the best dance music of the late 1970s. Their hit songs — *I Want Your Love, Le Freak, Good Times* — were completely evocative of their decade: an era of flapping bell-bottomed trousers, horizontal lapels and enormous Afro hairstyles.

Chic's moment of fame was short and intense. They topped the charts in America for only three years, and nearer two in Britain. But although Edwards was barely 30 when the music stopped for him as a performer, he was far from dead in the business. He built a second career as a producer for acts such as Sister Sledge and Robert Palmer, and in this indirect manner influenced two decades of musicians.

Chic were the most sophisticated of those now much-maligned disco bands which flourished in the closing years of the 1970s. While the group never lost their roots in black music — a Chic song combined the rawness of James Brown with the popiness of Motown — they were not derivative. Their trademark was a choppy, spare funk beat interlaced with the occasional jazz flourish. These were catchy, joyful melodies which people could hum in the bath, but which had enough rhythmic bounce to keep them dancing all night on the disco floor.

For Edwards, a career in anything other than music was unthinkable. Born in North Carolina, he was brought up in New York. In the ghetto in which he was raised, every bar had a house band which played shows for $25 a night, and which were "tight", as Edwards approvingly described them. "They could hold down a groove and play anything."

Edwards became a bassist and worked with several struggling musicians, before being introduced by a friend to his future songwriting partner, the guitarist Nile Rodgers. They played together in the Apollo Theatre Band and the Big Apple Band, and by the mid-1970s were sending out demo tapes of their own songs. Teaming up with Tony Thompson, a drummer, and a couple of female singers, Alfa

Anderson and Luci Martin, they released their first single as Chic in 1977. *Dance, Dance, Dance (Yowsah, Yowsah, Yowsah)* was an immediate hit, released at exactly the right moment, a couple of months after the Bee Gees had begun topping the charts with songs from the *Saturday Night Fever* album. Disco fever was raging on both sides of the Atlantic.

The following year, 1978, proved to be the decisive one for Chic, when they released *Le Freak*. This was the biggest selling single, up till that point, in Atlantic's history, with four million copies sold. *I Want Your Love* was released in 1979, followed by *Good Times*. Edwards played a ferocious bass riff on the latter, which has been much copied by bands since then — sometimes as a humorous compliment, more often subconsciously. Chic's eponymous debut album had been a modest success, but their second and third, *C'est Chic* (1978) and *Risqué* (1979), swiftly went platinum.

The strain of so much success was beginning to tell on the Edwards and Rodgers partnership. They overstretched themselves, writing and producing songs for other bands while they were on the road (among these were two great Chic-sounding songs for the all-girl group Sister Sledge, *He's The Greatest Dancer* and *We Are Family*). They toured constantly, walking off the stage of one gig, flying back to New York later that night to record fresh material, then flying on to the next night's concert. Like many rock musicians before them, they turned to drugs to cope with the pressure.

By the early 1980s their records were not selling as well as they had, and the palpable sense of enjoyment about the band — which is what Chic had been all about — had gone missing. Both Edwards and Rodgers wanted to remain in the music business, and they dissolved the band, parting amicably to pursue their separate writing and producing ambitions. Rodgers went on to work with David Bowie and Madonna. Edwards produced Rod Stewart and provided the backbone to Robert Palmer's huge hit of 1986, *Addicted to Love*. He was also behind the soundtrack for the James Bond film, *A View to a Kill* (1985).

Then in 1992, a decade after they had split, he and Rodgers re-formed to produce a last Chic album, *Chic-ism*. They were well aware that people might see this as a ploy to cash in on the fad for reviving the fashions of the 1970s. However, they still thought they had some good songs left in them, and so it proved, the album containing such silky classics as *Chic Mystique*, which did well, even in hip-hop heartlands like the Bronx.

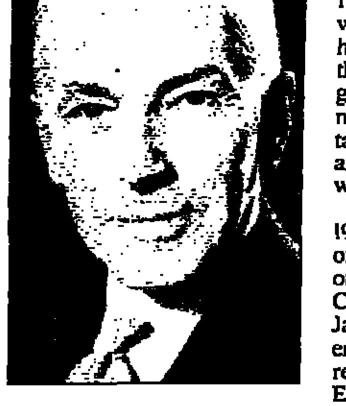
Even without this last flourish, however, Edwards's reputation as an influence on musicians in the 1980s — not only black artists but jazz funk bands — was completely secure. He had been working in Tokyo at the time of his death, but had complained of feeling ill and postponed his flight home. His body was discovered by hotel staff, although the cause of his death is still unknown.

HAROLD GORICK

Harold Gorick, CBE, Chief Executive of the Chamber of Shipping, 1950-66, died on April 4 aged 94. He was born on April 22, 1901.

A MEMBER of a formidable team of shipowners and civil servants at the Ministry of War Transport, Harold Gorick contributed greatly to the British war effort. Under the redoubtable Sir John Fisher, he was deputy director of the Coasting and Short Sea Division. There his most outstanding achievement was to organise, together with Admiralty and ministry colleagues, the fleet of little vessels which brought the troops back from Dunkirk. Throughout the war he and Fisher led their organisation in assembling the coasters to tranship cargoes to and from the bigger ships to the smaller ports. He was appointed CBE in 1946.

Harold Edward Gorick started work at the age of 14 with a firm of solicitors, Botterell & Roche. He became personal clerk to one of the partners, Harold Cleminson, who was appointed general manager of the Chamber of Shipping in 1916. Gorick formally joined the staff in 1923. His early work on the coasting trades and on parliamentary, ports and pilotage showed a talent for administration and decision-making. He became secretary of the chamber in 1934.



After the war, Gorick's first task in the chamber was to administer the allocation of shipping for the requirements of government departments during the transition from wartime requisition to market trading. Then followed the consequences of nationalisation of the railways and ports and his work on the Coal Freight Refund Scheme and the Coasting Liner Freight Equalisation Scheme.

In 1950 he became chief executive of the chamber and had a significant influence on the campaign to secure for shipping "free" 100 per cent first year capital allowances — a concession which, sadly, no longer exists. Under his stewardship the British registered fleet grew from 18 million to 21 million gross registered tonnes (as compared with four million today).

Gorick displayed and demanded a high quality of work. An austere, and at times humourless man, he earned the respect — sometimes grudgingly — of those he negotiated with across the table and the loyalty and affection of those who worked with him.

Internationally, from 1950 to 1966, he was secretary-general of the International Chamber of Shipping; he also set up the Committee of European and Japanese National Shipowners Associations (CENSA), reorganised the Committee of European Shipowners (CES) and was rapporteur of the Sea Transport Commission of the International Chamber of Commerce. He was president of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries in Coronation year. He played a leading part in the international debates on flag discrimination, flags of convenience, US shipping legislation, the development of shippers' councils and the Suez crisis. He oversaw British shipping initiatives on safety at sea.

On retirement Gorick was made the first "staff" honorary member of the chamber and an honorary fellow of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers.

Harold Gorick married Dora in 1929. She predeceased him in 1986. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

Lincoln's Inn

Major awards for pupillage 1996

Scholarships

Denning Scholarship: Bajul Shah, Christ Church, Oxford.

Kennedy Scholarship: Natalie Baylis, Edinburgh University; Herman Beoddinghaus, Magdalen College, Oxford.

Cassel Scholarship: Rupert Reed, Lincoln College, Oxford.

Shelford Scholarship: Samantha Knights, Somerville College, Oxford.

Droop Scholarship: John Bignall, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; Charlotte Downes, St John's College, Cambridge.

Walter Wigglesworth Scholarship: Fenner Moeran, Bristol University; Hugh Norbury, Worcester College, Oxford.

Eastham Scholarship: Jeremy Goldring, Pembroke College, Oxford; Keith Mackiggan, Trinity College, Oxford.

Megarry Scholarship: Archna Dawar, Liverpool University.

Hubert Greenland Scholarship: Robert O'Donoghue, Glamorgan University.

Levitt Scholarship: Philippa Hamilton, Brasenose College, Oxford; Carla Samuels, Christ Church, Oxford.

Bursaries

Stiebel Bursary: Edward Rowntree, Christ Church, Oxford.

Sir Thomas More Bursaries: Catherine Aherne, Newcastle University; Darryl Allen, Leeds University; Crispin Comonte, Greyfriars College, Oxford; Laura Davidson, Edinburgh University; Martino Giaguinto, Aston University; Douglas Hall, Christ Church, Oxford; Sally Hancox, Bath University; Charlotte Holland, Birmingham University; Chris Loweth, University College London; Brian Mahon, University of Central England; Sarah Margree, Leicester University; Anna Markham, Worcester College, Oxford; Abie Martin, Leicester University; Christopher Poole, Queen Mary & Westfield College, London; Anthony Shatz, University College London; Brett Welch, Manchester University.

Hardwicke Entrance Scholarships awarded Michaelmas Term, 1995:

James Allport, Christ Church, Oxford; Narita Bahra, King's College, London; Kevin Baumber, University of Essex; Gaby Bonham-Carter, University of Manchester; George Branchflower, Leeds Metropolitan University; Adam Butler, University of Manchester, Crispin Comonte, Greyfriars College, Oxford; Archna Dawar, University of Liverpool; Rachel Faux, Nottingham Trent University; Stephanie Flynn, University College, Oxford; Sapna Garg, Christ's College, Cambridge; Muhammed Haque, Hertford College, Oxford; Sonia Harris, Christ Church, Oxford; Simon Hoffman, University of Wales, Swansea; Huw Jones, University of Essex; Yash Kulkarni, Selwyn College, Cambridge; Sarah Mackey, Christ Church, Oxford; Keith Mackiggan, Trinity College, Cambridge; Sara Mansoori, University of Leeds; Justin Michaelson, University of Leeds; Andrew Peterson, University of Wales, Swansea; Simon Plaut, St Catharine's College, Cambridge; Marc Teasdale, Oriel College, Oxford; Clare Turnbull, Clare College, Cambridge; Andrew Ward, Downing College, Cambridge.

Hardwicke Entrance Scholarships awarded Hilary Term 1996:

Parosha Chandran, University of London; Simon Clarke, University of East London; Martino Giaquinto, University of Aston; Charlotte Holland, University of Birmingham; Edward Brett Welch, University of Manchester.

ON THIS DAY

April 22, 1913

Road maintenance appears to have been a problem when vehicle licences numbered less than half a million. It still is so today with more than 25 million licences

AUTOMOBILISM.
THE WEAR OF ROADS AND TRACKWAYS

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

As road traffic becomes more and more mechanical, and as traffic of all kinds becomes greater in volume, the expense of the construction and maintenance of roads on the present system must become greater also. Indeed, so much heavier are these expenses already becoming that engineers and surveyors will perforce, if they are not to confess themselves beaten, have to adopt some system of road-making which is more permanent in character than that in vogue at present and less expensive to the ratepayer. In towns the road surfaces have necessarily been made in a more permanent fashion for many years past. Whether asphalt, wood paving, or stone setts are employed, the tendency is to substitute a more or less permanent surface for the surface made of broken stone, water, and mud which preceded it . . .

There is an interesting parallel in regard to road construction in the history of railways. When at first locomotives and railway coaches were small and light, iron rails, which lasted only a short time, were considered sufficiently strong. But when the demands of traffic necessitated the use of heavier rolling stock and locomotives, steel rails began to be used, until now they have entirely superseded the old iron rails of some 50 years ago . . .

Pursuing this parallel, it may be asked whether, in consequence of the changed character of road traffic, there should not be a radical revision of the system, so that at least on main roads continual laying down of broken stone mixed with water or tar may give way to some more permanent surface . . .

Most people are familiar with the limited use of plate-ways which are still found over certain bridges, in the neighbourhood of some factories, and in the private yards of manufacturing concerns where heavy material has to be moved on tracks and where rails and flanged wheels are not convenient. But the public are probably not so well acquainted with the fact that on an 18ft. road — a reasonable average width to take for main roads — only something like 6in. is used by most vehicles. In fact, in the case of horse-drawn vehicles with narrow iron tires perhaps as little as 2in. has to bear the strain of the load, while the rest of the road as to bear scarcely any traffic, a fact which accounts for the common phenomenon of a road wearing gradually into a shape represented by a central hump . . . The surprising fact, therefore, emerges that something less than 4 per cent. of the width of a roadway is used at one time by one vehicle. Yet when the road has to be renewed the whole of the 18ft. width has to be dealt with, for patching in most cases and with most road metals cannot be called a practical method of producing a renewed and good surface. We are driven, therefore, to the conclusion that four specially-prepared tracks — that is, two for the up and two for the down traffic — would save an immense amount of wear, or, where roads are not so much used, two tracks alone would be sufficient to ensure lessened wear.

Every one a winner

The numbers of export awards were down this year, but the quality was as high as ever. **John Young** introduces a four-page report

The annual Queen's Awards for Export Achievement, together with the associated technological and environmental awards, are a welcome reassurance that British industry, for all its much-criticised shortcomings, is as inventive and adventurous as ever.

Its successes also give the lie to the notion that Britons cannot meet the quality standards achieved by other countries.

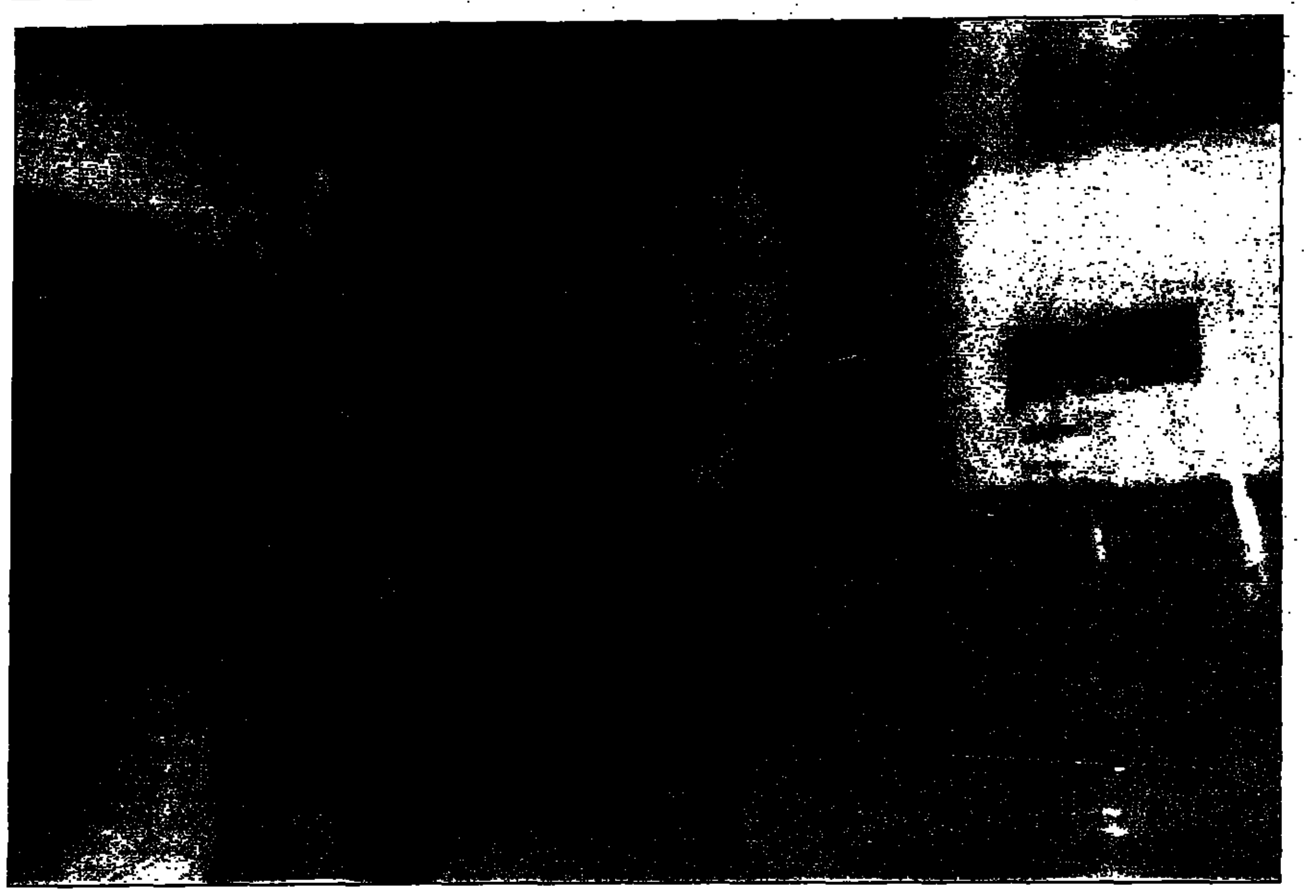
The winners of the awards, given to mark the Queen's birthday yesterday, are all scrupulously checked by the Department of Trade and Industry.

One cause for concern might be that the number of awards is the lowest for eight years; 107 compared with 140 last year. There were also fewer applications than in any of the last four years: down from last year's 1,315 to 1,191.

In the technology sector the numbers are almost exactly the same as last year — 16 awards from 254 applications, but a long way down from the record 49 awards in 1990. Although Britain's export growth slowed last year, the adjudicators decline to read any long-term message into what they insist is a mere "blip"; the 1990 figures were almost certainly enhanced by the publicity attending the *scheme's silver jubilee, and* applications are still far more numerous than in the mid-1980s when industry was battered by bankruptcies and closures and struggling to come to terms with the Thatcherite revolution.

The Environment Awards, launched in 1993, have so far failed to fulfil the organisers' hopes. From 240 applications and 12 awards in the first year numbers have fallen to 116 applications and just six awards, the same as last year, suggesting that enthusiasm among companies to promote a "green" image has somewhat waned.

Several familiar big names are among this year's winners, *including British Steel;* Burberrys, the clothing manufacturer, which collects its sixth Export award; Dunlop; Hoover; Guinness; Halcrow; JCB; and the Oxford University Press. But they are far outnumbered by smaller and newer firms, with manufacturers of telecommunications and electronic capital goods particularly well represented. Of the 129 winners in all three sectors, two thirds are first timers, and nearly half of those have won at their first attempt. Thirty-six of the winning companies (28 per cent) employ fewer than 50 people, and 70 (54 per cent) fewer than 200.



Inspired by fireflies: Ian Johnson, Biotrace's development director, with hygiene-tested bottles of colourant

One of the more unusual successes is provided by Glass Eels, of Gloucester, which employs fewer than 15 staff in collecting and distributing live baby eels for farming and restocking projects. Its main markets are in Europe and Asia, where it undertakes training programmes to assist organisations with limited experience of fish farming.

From its home in Mayfair, the venerable firm of estate agents, Healey and Baker, has established offices in 20 European countries and a number of exclusive agencies in the Americas and the Far East, doubling its export earnings in the last three years. Its award is the first to be given to an estate agent.

Another notable first is the award to CACA, the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, which was founded by Royal Charter in 1904 and was the first British accountancy body to hold examinations overseas, giving people in other countries the opportunity to obtain a professional qualification recognised in Britain. It currently has more than 120,000 students, of whom some 70,000 are overseas; it organises twice-yearly examinations in more than 200 centres around the world, adapting them to reflect local practice and legislation.

Bass Beers Worldwide, the export division of the brewing group, has boosted its overseas sales by 45 per cent in the past three years by introducing its customers not only to British beer but to the British pub. It sells through some 500 distributors and has also been instrumental in developing about 100 British-style public houses across the Continent.

Weetabix continues to produce cereals — including Alpen, Crunchy Bran and Ready Brek — which are enjoyed in regions as distant and climatically different as the Caribbean, South America and Africa. The key export area, however, remains Europe, where more than 85 per cent of Weetabix's cereals are sold, and where consumption continues to grow.

The food and drink industry has benefited from the pioneering work of Biotrace, of Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, which has successfully harnessed the enzyme luciferase, which causes the firefly to glow, to produce instant portable hygiene-testing systems. Its customers include 16 of the world's largest food and drink manufacturers.

Two subsidiaries of the giant American corporation, Motorola, each win awards for the export of cellular telephones and computer-based radio telephone communication systems respectively. But the only double award, in both the export and technology sectors, goes to Digi-Media Vision, trading as DMV (a subsidiary of News International, owner of *The Times*), which manufactures video compression systems used in digital satellite communications.

Traditional British engineering skills are reflected in the Export Award to Beck & Pollitzer Engineering, which only recently began trading as an independent company after a management buy-out in 1994. The workforce of some 300 engineers and technicians is based wholly in Britain but travels widely abroad.

Recent projects include installation of a new printing plant for Wellington Newspapers in New Zealand, and a new car plant for a Japanese manufacturer in The Netherlands.

British expertise in the building of high-performance cars wins recognition for Reynard Racing Cars of Bicester, Oxfordshire whose products have featured in the American Indy car races and the European and Japanese Formula 3000 races. In contrast Reilor of Preston, Lancashire, which makes cat flaps and dog doors, has had to create its own overseas market by persuading people in other countries of the advantages of allowing domestic pets to come and go freely, without encouraging human intruders to do likewise.

Help behind the scenes

A COMPANY that can quietly make life easier for the British will often *do the* same for other nations, enabling it to win an export award. One such is Puretone, a small firm in Rochester, which could be said to have caught the ear of the world.

Besides hearing aids, it also produces in-ear monitors for pop singers. These allow singers to control the flow of sound, cutting it down to a modest level so that they do not strain their voices trying to compete with the sound. The monitors will, if required, also pick out cues on a piano or other instrument. Madonna, Take That and Wet Wet Wet all use them. Another clever hearing device made by Puretone is called a "tinnitus masker". For people suffering from a high-pitched ringing in their ears, it produces a mellower tone, which in some cases even cancels out the offensive noise, so that the victim gets total relief.

On shop counters and in garage forecourts throughout the world — including those of McDonald's and, in America, Taco Bell — you will find little machines smaller than a toaster and called Tellermates, which are manufactured by Percell Ltd of Newport, Gwent. Using a load cell, it does instant counts of coins or notes placed in a hod on top of it — and it is only the software in it that needs changing for different counties and currencies.

Laminar Medica Ltd of Tring, Hertfordshire, says that it "stops medicines catching a temperature". Its laboratories produce Medi-therm systems — packaging for vaccines and similar medicines that either keep them frozen, keep them from freezing, or hold them at a specific temperature. Robinson Special Packaging of Chesterfield produces paperboard packaging for cosmetics, confectionery and food as well as pharmaceuticals. The company *goes back a long way* — it was sending bandages and paperboard pots of ointments to Florence Nightingale in the Crimea.

The new "invisible" Glossies by Gossard

Finally we come to invisible knickers. What? Well, they are made by Gossard, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. They are part of the Glossies range of underwear, which Gossard calls the "secret accomplices" of women, since they made to wear under tight-fitting outer clothes without any sign of their presence. Another of Gossard's ranges is Ultrabra Perfect which features the Balconette bra, in which women can look like a Jane Austen heroine, bosom lifted high, as in *Sense and Sensibility*.

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Cleaner, greener machines

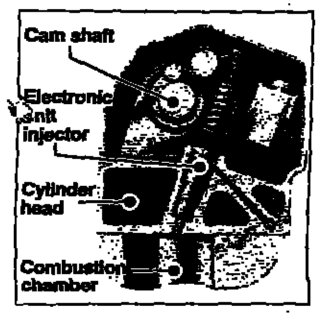
John Young looks at firms that have won an Environment Award

A NEW range of washing machines which offer remarkable savings in energy, water consumption and detergent have gained an Environment Award for Hoover, of Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan.

The New Wave range use 40 per cent less electricity than previous models, water consumption has been reduced by 36 per cent and the detergent is delivered from the front of the machine straight into the wash load, which virtually eliminates wastage and reduces the amount needed by more than a third. The machines are the only ones so far to have been given the EU "Ecolabel", an independent endorsement of the manufacturers' claims.

Attention has also been paid to making the product itself more environmentally-friendly. The usual stainless steel or enamel drum has been replaced by a polypropylene tub which both reduces noise and increases heat retention. At the end of the machine's life the drum can be recycled.

The shell is made from prepainted parts, eliminating the need for the traditional paint shop and the consequent emissions of solvents, waste water and exhaust gases. The usual welded joints are replaced by locks which can be fitted without using heavy electrical current for transformers. For distribution the machines are packaged in expanded polystyrene which is CFC free and can be recycled.



The planning of a new fuel-injection system (above), which wins an award for Lucas Diesel Systems, began in the early Eighties when the company foresaw that a new approach was needed to reduce noise and emissions from diesel engines and to improve fuel economy. The new fuel-injection system has already been adopted by several large truck and engineering manufacturers, including Caterpillar and Volvo, and has enabled them to meet stringent new limits on emissions.

Instead of a central pump connected to injectors in each cylinder, pump and injector are combined in a single electronic unit. The pumping plunger is driven by the engine, and the high injection pressure combined with electronic controls provides greatly advanced fuel efficiency.

Along with vehicle emissions, discharges from power stations are among the most frequent targets of environmental campaigners. While efforts have so far been largely concentrated on improving standards of existing plants, International Combustion, of Derby, has developed a range of burners which sharply reduce the level of nitrogen dioxide in flue gas discharges. The burners can be fired by coal, oil or natural gas and in all cases nitrogen dioxide levels are well within the statutory limits both in Britain and the company's export markets.

An ultra-quiet "stealth" pump for off-road and mechanical handling vehicles has won an award for Ultra Hydraulics, of Cheltenham. Greatly reduced noise levels are achieved by phased dual-element gear units, which are said to be effective at all speeds and working pressures.

Brook Hansen, of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, is responsible for a new range of electric motors with significantly higher efficiency than previous models. As a result they use less energy and discharge less carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Because less heat is generated, smaller cooling fans are required, so noise is also reduced.

Another environmental hazard, the discharge of liquid effluent, with the associated smells and risk to health, has been tackled by Hydro Chemicals of Immingham, south Humberside. Its Nutriox process employs a new nitrate-based chemical agent, and is intended primarily to eliminate odour and septicity in municipal sewage works. The company claims that the process has none of the attendant safety hazards associated with traditional treatments using chlorine, liquid oxygen and peroxides, or iron sulphate.

CLEAN WINNERS

THE following companies and organisations have been granted the Queen's Award for Environmental Achievement in 1996:

Brook Hansen, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire: energy-efficient electric motors.

Hoover Ltd, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan, Wales: enviromentally advanced washing machine range.

Hydro Chemicals Ltd (HYDROCARE), Immingham, South Humberside: Nutriox process for elimination of odour and septicity in municipal sewer networks.

International Combustion Ltd, Derby, Derbyshire: EnviroNOx — Low NOx burners for power stations.

Lucas Diesel Systems, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire: electronic unit injector systems for diesel engines.

Ultra Hydraulics Ltd (Mobile Products Division), Cheltenham, Gloucestershire: "Stealth" ultra-quiet, high-performance external gear pumps for off-highway and mechanical handling vehicles.

Derwent May reports on some British 'coals to Newcastle' success stories

Beating them at their own games

It is amazing what you can sell abroad if you just know how. Garlic bread to Iceland, the complete works of Goethe to Germany — these are some of the things that have won Queen's Export Awards for their British manufacturers this year.

When you consider that the garlic bread is frozen, Iceland might seem an even more improbable destination for it. But Speedibake, of Northampton, was the first to develop garlic bread as a commercial product nine years ago, and now exports half a million frozen garlic baguettes to Europe every week. Apart from Iceland, the part-baked baguettes are sold in Germany, Scandinavia and other countries, and will soon be on sale in France itself — while the firm's frozen doughnuts with raspberry jam go down a treat in Holland. The company now has its eye on producing Italian ciabatta bread.

Not many people realise it but hops are used in every kind of beer, from English ales to the lightest lager. English Hop Products, of Tonbridge in Kent, has won an award for selling its hops and hop products both on the continent and in America. It has persuaded the American "micro-breweries", which make specialised beers, to turn to new beers using British hops, and has produced forms of hop extract which slot smoothly and economically into the brewing practices of Europe. Richard Wood, the managing director, has bought a 100-acre, hop farm just down the road from the office, where he leans over the gate and sells his own hops to the co-operative which supplies the processing and trading side of the business.

The complete Weimar edition of Goethe's works, which takes up 143 volumes on the library shelf, has been sold on CD-Rom to German university and state libraries at £3,950 a time, as well as to other libraries throughout the world, by Chadwyck-Healey, of Cambridge. The company's other gigantic products include a vast database of almost the entire corpus of English poetry, at £25,000, and — on its way and rapidly gathering subscribers — the complete works of Voltaire.

PAUL WEBSTER

Speedibake's Sally Cleary-Corbett tries its garlic bread

At Oxford, too, publishing has been doing well. Oxford University Press is selling enormous numbers of the Oxford Advanced Learners' Dictionary, still going strong and constantly revised since 1948, and had a dashing hit throughout the world last year with *The Oxford Companion to Wine*.

The media also feature in the list in the form of the London advertising agency Bartle Bogle Hegarty. Its advertisements for Levi-Strauss jeans have been shown across Europe, both in the cinema and on television. You may have seen the one of the swimmer leaping over fences and making his way through swimming pool after swimming pool, always in his jeans, to get to his girl, grab her and jump off the high-dive with her. The pay-off line is "The more you wash them, the better" — and in most countries it has not even needed to translate that, because it is more chic in English. Only French law required it to be in the native language.

Other clients whose products are advertised internationally by the agency are Häagen-Dazs and Polaroid. If you go to Italy this summer you will see their adverts for Perfetti, an Italian chewing-gum maker.

Are you sitting comfortably? If Audience Systems, of Westbury, Wiltshire, asked that question a cry of "Yes" would echo from around the world. The company has supplied retractable seating for 10,000 in the Dubai Sports Club as well as other seating systems for a sports and rock arena in Oberhausen, Germany, the Flushing Meadow tennis centre in New York, the new Amersfoot opera house in Holland, with its striking red seats, a Danish *Kulturhaus* and a Queensland university hall. The invention that the firm is currently proudest of is its silent tip-up seat, called Espace 628.

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Applied science lessons

John Young on companies forging a bright future for themselves in the white heat of new technology

Dye laughing: M&S improved its garment printing

THE development of a sophisticated electro-mechanical computer control system for artificial legs is one of 16 projects to have won one of this year's Queen's Awards for Technological Achievement. Devised by Chas A Blatchford & Sons of Basingstoke, Hampshire, the control system uses a microprocessor controller in conjunction with a pneumatic swing phase cylinder to provide a variety of walking speeds, reacting instantly to changes in the user's gait and making the whole process much simpler and more comfortable.

About half the awards in the sector are for advances in medicine and pharmacology, another being the development by Amersham Healthcare, of Little Chalfont in Buckinghamshire, of a new drug, Metastron, which provides long-term pain relief for patients suffering from bone metastases in prostate and other cancers.

Metastron , a solution of Strontium-89 chloride, is administered by intravenous injection and absorbed by the body as if it were calcium, rapidly clearing from the blood and selectively localising in the bone. A single injection provides relief for up to six months in four out of five patients.

Glaxo Research and Development, of Greenford, Middlesex, wins an award for the development of a drug called Imigran to treat migraine and cluster headache. Imigran can be taken orally or by injection, and clinical trials have demonstrated that patients have a higher and more rapid level of response to it than to any other treatment, with only mild and transient side-effects.

Outside the medical field, Digi-Media Vision of Eastleigh, Hampshire, has developed a system for compressing television signals so that many programmes may be conveyed along a single channel, satellite or cable. The company, which also wins an Export Award, received an award for design and innovation at the 1993 Montreux Television Symposium.

A joint award goes to Marks & Spencer and Wace Screen, of Wakefield, for the development of garment panel printing using "dry" discharge methods, known as the Distron process.

The ink contains a chemical which bleaches out the ground colour, allowing the print quality to be observed immediately. As a result the reject rate is reduced effectively to zero, compared with 15-20 per cent using the conventional "wet" process.

Another joint award goes to the Institute of Biotechnology at Cambridge University and Affinity Chromatography, which is based at Freeport on the Isle of Man and becomes the first Manx award-winner. A new range of materials, known as the Mimetic range, used to separate protein pharmaceuticals, is designed to emulate the chemical interactions occurring in nature and is said to be stable and inexpensive compared with earlier products related to textile dyes.

The problem of cabin noise in turbo-prop aircraft has been addressed by Ultra Electronics of Greenford, Middlesex. The company has developed an "anti-noise" system, based on a mathematical model adjusted to take account of different aircraft types and varying conditions of flight and load. It also selects the best position for microphones and loudspeakers within the aircraft.

TECHNOLOGY WINNERS

THE following companies and organisations have been granted the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement 1996:

Affinity Chromatography Ltd, Ballasalla, Isle of Man: innovating means of separating protein pharmaceuticals.
Amersham Healthcare (Amersham International plc), Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire: Metastron T.M. — a therapeutic option for treating metastatic bone pain.
Bede Scientific Instruments Ltd, Bowburn, County Durham: direct drive X-ray diffractometer.
Chas. A. Blatchford & Sons Ltd, Products Division, Basingstoke, Hampshire: electro-mechanical computer-controlled lower limb prostheses.
Digi-Media Vision Ltd t/a DMV, Eastleigh, Hampshire: professional digital video compression technology.
Glaxo Research and Development Ltd, Greenford, Middlesex: Sumatriptan — Imigran Medicine for migrane and cluster headache.
Marks & Spencer plc, London W1: "Dry" discharge method for garment panel printing.
Oxford Magnet Technology Ltd, Witney, Oxfordshire: Open C magnet system for magnetic resonance imaging scanner.
Philips Medical Systems — Radiotherapy, Crawley, West Sussex: multileaf collimator for radiotherapy treatment machine.
Rover Group Ltd, Electronics and Control Systems, Coventry, West Midlands: microprocessor-controlled Engine Management System.
Scimat Ltd, Swindon, Wiltshire: membranes for the rechargeable battery industry.
Smith & Nephew plc, Group Research Centre, York, North Yorkshire: IV3000 — Materials innovation in infection control.
Ultra Electronics Ltd, Noise and Vibration Systems Division, Greenford, Middlesex: system for reducing cabin noise in turboprop aircraft.
Institute of Biotechnology, University of Cambridge: innovating means of separating protein pharmaceuticals.
Wace Screen — Wakefield, Wakefield, West Yorkshire: "Dry" discharge method for garment panel printing.
Westwind Air Bearings Ltd, Poole, Dorset: aerodynamic spindle for optical scanning.

1996 Queen's Awards for Exports: the winners

Anglo Beef Processors Ltd, Blisworth, Northamptonshire: processed fresh and frozen beef and lamb.
Audience Systems Ltd, Westbury, Wiltshire: auditoria, arena and stadium seating systems.
Autoflame Engineering Ltd, London SE6: combustion control equipment.
Avesta Sheffield Ltd, Sheffield, South Yorkshire: stainless steel.
Bartle Bogle Hegarty Ltd, London W1: planning, creation, production and implementation of advertising.
Bass Beers Worldwide Ltd, Birmingham, West Midlands: beer and non-alcoholic drinks.
Beamech Group Ltd, Trafford Park, Manchester, Greater Manchester: plastic foam-making equipment.
Beck & Pollitzer Engineering Ltd, Dartford, Kent: machinery installation and relocation services.
Biotrace Ltd, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, Wales: hygiene testing systems.
J. Blackledge & Son Ltd, Chorley, Lancashire: waterproof fabrics.
Brett Martin Ltd, Newtownabbey, Co.Antrim, Northern Ireland: plastic building products.
Bridge of Weir Leather Company Ltd, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, Scotland: leather.
British Chrome & Chemicals, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland: chromium-based chemicals.
British Steel Special Sections — Skinningrove, Carlin How, Cleveland: steel sections.
Burberrys Ltd, Manufacturing & Export Division, London E9: clothing and accessories.
Camlaw Ltd, Tamworth, Staffordshire: furnaces.
Chadwyck-Healey Ltd, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire: academic publishers.
The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA), London WC2: professional examinations and membership.
Toby Churchill Ltd, Cambridge: communication aids for people suffering from speech disabilities.
Cincinnati Milacron UK Ltd, Machine Tool Division, Birmingham, West Midlands: machine tools.
Corsair Toiletries Ltd, St Albans, Hertfordshire: toiletries and household products.
Dairy Produce Packers Ltd, Coleraine, Co Londonderry, NI: processed cheeses.
Designers Guild Ltd, London W11: furnishing fabrics, wallpaper and soft furnishings.
Digi-Media Vision Ltd t/a DMV, Eastleigh, Hampshire: digital video compression products.
Dunlop Hydraulic Hose Ltd, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear: wire and textile reinforced rubber hydraulic hose.
EBI Foods Ltd, Abingdon, Oxfordshire: food stabilisers.
Edwards High Vacuum International, Crawley, West Sussex: high vacuum pumps and instrumentation.
English Hop Products Ltd, Tonbridge, Kent: hop products and raw hops.
Epichem Ltd, Wirral, Merseyside: chemicals for the electronics industry.
Eurostock Meat Marketing Ltd, Newry, Co Down, NI: processed offal.
Evans Medical Ltd, Leatherhead, Surrey: vaccines and other pharmaceuticals.
Fermec Holdings Ltd, Stretford, Manchester: light construction equipment.
J & S Franklin Ltd, London WC2: civil and military equipment.
GPT Public Networks Group, Coventry, West Midlands: telecommunication systems.
Garigue, London SW5: woollen, mohair and cotton fabrics.
Gates Power Transmission Ltd, Dumfries, Scotland: synchronous timing belts.
Genesis Tilemates Ltd, Stokesley, North Yorkshire: finishing profiles for buildings.
Glass Eels Ltd, Gloucester, Gloucestershire: baby eels.
Gossard, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire: ladies' lingerie.
William Grant & Sons Ltd, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland: Scotch whisky.
Guinness Brewing Worldwide Ltd, London NW10: beer and non-alcoholic drinks.
HSB Engineering Insurance Ltd, London EC3: machinery breakdown and related loss of profits insurance.
Halcrow Holdings Ltd, London W6: civil engineering consultancy.
Healey & Baker, London W1: property consultants.
International Diamalt Co Ltd, Newark, Nottinghamshire: malt extracts and cereal syrups.
International Labmate Ltd, St Albans, Hertfordshire: publishers.
iPTest Ltd, Guildford, Surrey: automatic test systems.
JCB Materials Handling Ltd, Rocester, Staffordshire: telescopic material handlers.
JCB Special Products Ltd, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire: compact earthmoving, material handling and industrial equipment.
Laminar Medica Ltd, Tring, Hertfordshire: insulated shipping systems.
Lilly Industries Ltd, Basingstoke, Hampshire: pharmaceuticals.
Lombard Risk Systems Ltd, London EC4: financial software.
Magneco/Metrel UK Ltd, Shildon, County Durham: ceramic materials.
Maybridge Chemical Company Ltd, Tintagel, Cornwall: research chemicals for pharmaceuticals.
McCalls Special Products, Sheffield, South Yorkshire: threaded bar fasteners.
McKechnie Vehicle Components, Extrusion Operation: Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire: motor vehicle components.
Mechatherm International Ltd, Kingswinford, West Midlands: industrial furnaces and ovens.
Mivan Ltd: Antrim, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland: construction and civil engineering.
Mobile Systems International Plc: London E14: mobile telecommunications software.
Molypress Ltd, Calne, Wiltshire: Molybdenum products.
Abraham Moon & Sons Ltd, Leeds, West Yorkshire: woven wool apparel fabric.
Morrisflex Ltd, Consumable Tools Division, Daventry, Northamptonshire: rotary deburring tools.
Morrison Bowmore Distillers Ltd, Glasgow, Scotland: Scotch whisky distillers.
Motorola Ltd, European Cellular Infrastructure Division, Swindon, Wiltshire: cellular radio telephone equipment.
Motorola Ltd, Europe, Middle East & Africa Cellular Subscriber Division, Bathgate, West Lothian, Scotland: cellular telephones.
Mott MacDonald Group Ltd, Croydon, Surrey: engineering consultancy services.
Mulberry Company (Design) Ltd, Home Division, Shepton Mallet, Somerset: furnishing fabrics and furniture.
New Holland UK Ltd, Basildon, Essex: tractors and diesel engines.
Newbridge Networks Ltd, Newport, Gwent, Wales: digital transmission products.
Nikwax Ltd: Wadhurst, East Sussex: waterproofing chemicals.
GPS Unit of Nortel Radio Infrastructure: Paignton, Devon: global positioning systems simulators.
Ocular Sciences Ltd, Southampton, Hampshire: soft contact lenses.
Orb Electrical Steels Ltd, Newport, Gwent, Wales: electrical steels.
Oxford Metrics Ltd, Oxford, Oxfordshire: systems used to analyse human motion.
Oxford University Press, Oxford, Oxfordshire: educational and reference books.
Pamarco Europe Ltd, Warrington, Cheshire: laser engraved application rollers.
Paper Makers Export Ltd, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire: paper, office stationery and equipment.
Paradise Datacom Ltd, Tiptree, Essex: digital satellite communication equipment.
Parkman Consultants Ltd, Sutton, Surrey: consultancy services in the transportation, water and sanitation sectors.
Percell Group Ltd, Newport, Gwent, Wales: money counting systems.
Puretone Ltd, Rochester, Kent: hearing aids.
Queensgate Instruments Ltd, Bracknell, Berkshire: wavelength demultiplexing devices.
Quick Controls Ltd, Middleton, Manchester, Greater Manchester: operator control interfaces.
RBR Armour Ltd, London SE1: body armour and combat helmets.
Reilor Ltd, Preston, Lancashire: pet accessories.
Reynard Racing Cars Ltd, Bicester, Oxfordshire: racing cars and components.
Robinson Special Packaging, Chesterfield, Derbyshire: spirally wound paperboard packaging.
Robobond Ltd t/a Emafyl, London SE18: polystyrene picture frame mouldings.
Segal Quince Wicksteed Ltd, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire: economic and management consultancy.
Sinclair International Ltd, Norwich, Norfolk: fruit labelling systems.
Smith's Environmental Products Ltd, Chelmsford, Essex: fan convector heaters.
Speedibake Ltd, Northampton, Northamptonshire: frozen bread and frozen confectionery products.
Statestrong Ltd, Lytham, Lancashire: aerosol toiletries.
Steel Wheels Ltd, Kidderminster, Worcestershire: steel wheels.
Storehouse plc, London NW1: retail store produce.
Swiftpack Automation Ltd: Alcester, Warwickshire: tablet and capsule counting machines.
Syfer Technology Ltd, Norwich, Norfolk: ceramic capacitors.
Terex Equipment Ltd, Motherwell, Lanarkshire, Scotland: earthmoving equipment.
Thermopol Ltd, Crawley, West Sussex: silicone rubber hoses.
TRAK Microwave Ltd, Dundee, Scotland: ferrite components.
Unipath Ltd, Consumer & Clinical Diagnostics, Bedford, Bedfordshire: consumer and clinical diagnostic products.
Universal Bulk Handling Ltd, Burscough, Lancashire: tank containers.
Van Leer Metallized Products Ltd, Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, Wales: metallised film and paper.
Visual Communications Group Ltd, London E14: stock photographs.
Weetabix Ltd, Kettering, Northamptonshire: cereals.
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Firms with a golden touch

John Young

looks a some unusual successes in engineering

THE choice of a company in Antrim, Northern Ireland, to restore the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, one of Islam's holiest shrines, might on the face of it seem an unlikely event. But in fact it is only one of a range of unusual contracts, ranging from theme parks to cruise liners and a Buddhist temple, that have helped Mivan to win a Queen's Award for Export Achievement.

The company itself has an unusual history, having been founded by Dr Ivan McCabrey while he was still an engineering student at Queen's University, Belfast. It employs some 3,800 people in 25 countries worldwide and has won more than £100 million of new business in the last year, four-fifths of it in export markets. The Dome of the Rock contract involved the total restoration of the roof of the shrine and the covering of the 1,500 sq m dome with pure gold.

At a less exalted level the company was the largest general contractor on the EuroDisney project with 750 workers responsible for constructing Cinderella's Castle, two traditional Mississippi paddle steamers and Big Thunder Mountain, the world's largest artificial rockwork structure. Mivan is at present working on a theme park for Warner Bros near Dusseldorf in Germany. The attractions include Batman, Gremlins, Looney Tunes and Police Academy and three large artificial volcanoes which form part of a Bermuda Triangle ride.

Within the last two years Mivan has won contracts from the Royal Thai Air Force worth more than £77 million. They include the design and construction of a new township complete with Buddhist temple, on the Don Muang Air Force base outside Bangkok. The company's marine ventures include the Harlequinns nightclub for the P&O cruise liner *Oriana*, which was fabricated on site in Northern Ireland and later assembled at a shipyard in Germany. It has also recently completed a feasibility study to recreate a full size replica of the ill-fated *Titanic* and has converted a German river boat, renamed *The Road to Mandalay*, which will convey tourists up the Irrawaddy river.

Disaster prevention is the speciality of HSB Engineering Insurance Limited, another award winner. At a large oil refinery an engineer employed by the company was using the Datalert vibration monitoring equipment to test the operating condition of a large expander turbine. Over the course of several days he became concerned by steadily increasing vibration levels. A decision was made to shut down the system and a closer investigation revealed a severely cracked coupling; eight of the twelve coupling bolts had sheared off. Without repair the turbine would have been destroyed and cost the company some US$20 million.

On another occasion an HSB engineer, Harry Whitehead, was carrying out oil tests on large transformers at an electrical plant. The test results showed the presence of gasses in the insulating oil and Mr Whitehead recommended that the transformer be taken out of service for further inspection. This revealed burned contacts which if left untreated could have destroyed the transformer. His action saved the operator nearly US$1 million.

Export winner: New Holland tractor

Dr William Stockdale, HSB's managing director, said the award was a recognition of the company's extraordinary growth since its formation in 1989. "We have succeeded in bringing a new approach to the world engineering insurance market and we are now regarded as one of the major insurers of critical machinery exposures," he said.

JCB, which celebrated its 50th birthday last year, is one of those companies which has almost become part of the language, its brightly coloured machines familiar on thousands of construction sites. This year two of its subsidiaries have won awards, taking the total to eleven since the first in 1969.

JCB Special Products, which moved to a new £10 million plant at Cheadle, greater Manchester, last year, has increased export earnings from £17.5 million to £49.7 million over the last three years. It employs more than 200 people in the manufacture of compact earth moving, materials handling and industrial equipment.

JCB Materials Handling has a turnover of nearly £95 million and between 1993 and 1995 increased its exports from £20.4 million to £51.8 million. JCB Less well known to the general public but familiar enough to farmers are the New Holland range of tractors and agricultural equipment. In the past three years the company's factory in Basildon, Essex, with 2,400 employees, exported nearly 28,000 tractors, 47,000 diesel engines and components worth more than £563 million.

In 1995 New Holland UK Limited ranked 27th in the Financial Times list of top UK exporters, but its net export sales of £218 million in 1994 placed it among the top ten. The company also won an award last year and its chief executive officer Riccardo Ruggeri said the awards emphasised the company's rapid expansion across the world in the past three years.

British Steel Special Sections, of Skinningrove, Teesside, is the first non-American company to acquire certified supplier status for the giant United States company, Caterpillar Inc. In 1990 the parent company made the decision to invest in the manufacture of vehicle components and re-engineered the Teesside plant at a cost of £20 million.

Orb Electrical Steels Limited of Newport, Gwent, was formerly a division of British Steel but is now owned by European Electrical Steels Limited, a joint venture by British Steel and Svenskt Stal AB of Sweden. It produces electrical steel for transformers, generators, motors and other equipment, and in the two years to March 1995 its export revenue rose from £40 million to £65 million.

Oiling the wheels of all this heavy industry is Segal Quince Wicksteed, based in Swavesey, Cambridge, whose managing director Roger Quice has watched the consultancy grow from a partnership of three in 1983 to a company with almost 60 employees now. It works in areas where efforts are being made to revitalise economies, advising governments, for example, on economic polices to stimulate competition. Export earnings have tripled in three years.

In the picture: Howard Simons, managing director of Emafyl of London, among some of the moulded polystyrene frames which have won the company a Queen's Award for Export. Emafyl began nine years ago with four people and now employs 500. The company pioneered the use of polystyrene for picture and mirror frames in place of wood, and has also developed machines to create a finish on the frames as good as handmade. It produces four-million feet of frame a week, and exports 75 per cent of it.

Quenching a global thirst

Derwent May on the expanding market for stout and whisky

BRITISH booze is going down well. Guinness Brewing Worldwide, of Park Royal, London, has won an Export Award this year — its stout is sold in 150 countries and brewed in 50 of them. A very successful scheme has been the Guinness Irish pubs initiative: the company puts people who want to open Irish pubs abroad in touch with Irish firms who will provide appropriate fittings and Irish staff. Guinness gets its reward in the amount of Guinness quaffed in 800 overseas pubs such as The Dubliners of Dubai and Delaney's in Hong Kong. British drinkers will soon get a taste of a very successful export brew, an Irish red ale called Kilkenny.

Whisky has its awards, too. Morrison Bowmore Distillers, of Glasgow, started trading in 1990; it has doubled its exports in the last three years. It has two malt whiskies: Bowmore, an Islay malt distilled on the isle of Islay, and Auchentoshen, a smooth, triple-distilled malt made near Glasgow. Auchentoshen is the only triple-distilled malt currently available for export. Yesterday, the Queen's birthday, the company filled some specially chosen casks with their whiskies, and these will be drunk in 21 years' time as Queen's Award Malt.

The family owned firm of William Grant, of Motherwell, Lanarkshire, has also been sloshing whisky successfully down throats abroad. Apart from the blended Grant's, it produces the popular malt Glenfiddich and a connoisseur's malt called Balvenie. William Grant also produces a single-grain whisky called Black Barrel, a Swiss chocolate liqueur called Goldkenn and, as a joint venture with Richard Branson, Virgin Vodka — of which sales are ballooning.

When cloth is cut to suit the market

Peter Brown

looks at tailor-made winners

WHEN Burberrys looks to the East — and it has just opened two shops in China — it thinks small: coats for the Pacific Rim are designed down to fit the smaller frames of its new customers.

"For the Asian market," says Robert Kerr, export sales director, "we have developed a special fitting for raincoats, and our fabrics are kept cool and lightweight. There are also mini versions of our traditional handbags and rucksacks."

Thoughtful tailoring has brought outsize rewards for the clothing manufacturer, which increased exports by more than 30 per cent in the last three years, and this year wins its sixth export award.

Another company looking towards Asia is Abraham Moon & Sons, of Netherfield Mills, Guiseley, Leeds. Founded in 1837, it has 150 employees making woven wool apparel fabric.

The company also takes care to adapt its designs and colours. "In Japan we can't use bright yellows," says John Walsh, its chairman, "so we go for lots of greys and blues. The Italians love the British look — they think we all walk about in tweed jackets. The French go for brighter colours."

'The Italians think we all walk about in tweed jackets'

Also winning its first export award is Garigue, based in west London and selling woven fabrics of wool, mohair and cotton to top fashion markets. In particular it sells to the main fashion houses in Paris for haute couture and ready-to-wear. Nearly all its sales are exports.

With environmental considerations in mind, Nikwax, of Wadhurst, East Sussex, makes sure that its waterproof clothing is water rather than solvent-based. It now exports more than half of what it produces, its most recent market being South Africa.

For safe underwear, try RBR Armour, based in London's Old Kent Road. It supplies bullet-resistant clothing, helmets, visors and shields to soldiers, policemen and mine clearers, and has a global contract with the United Nations.

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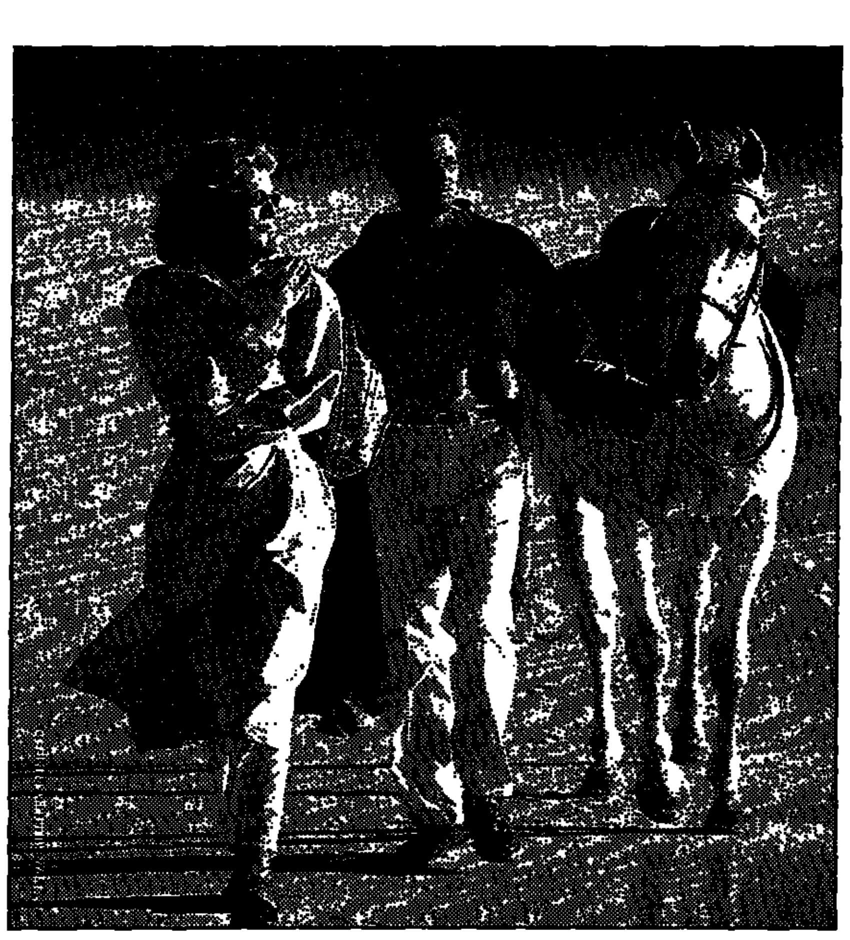

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NEWS

Prescott rebukes Short on tax

■ Clare Short was publicly warned by John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, to accept collective responsibility or resign from the Shadow Cabinet, as a further row broke out over the party's tax plans.

However, soon after criticising his colleague, Mr Prescott appeared to make a similar gaffe on tax which was gleefully seized on by the Tories who claimed that it showed Labour would hit middle-income earners .... **Page 1**

Viscount escapes Delhi blast

■ Viscount Weymouth, the 21-year old son of the Marquess of Bath and heir to the Longleat estate, survived a bomb blast in Delhi which killed his girlfriend, best friend, and ten other people. Two separatist groups opposed to the Indian elections, due next week, claimed responsibility .... **Pages 1, 3**

Queen fêted

For all the Queen's efforts to keep her seventieth birthday within the bosom of her family, the occasion became something of a public event as she was fêted by well-wishers .... **Pages 1, 6**

Goldsmith manifesto

Sir James Goldsmith set out his terms for a referendum on Europe, insisting that the people should decide whether they want to be governed by Brussels or Westminster .... **Page 1**

Marathon conquest

Liz McColgan revelled in the hottest conditions of the year when she returned from injury to win the London Marathon women's race .... **Pages 1, 25, 27**

Gardiner threat

Sir George Gardiner, the rightwing MP, has threatened to force a by-election, which could wipe out the Tories' majority, if he is deselected .... **Page 2**

Thompson awards

The film *Sense and Sensibility*, which won an Oscar for Emma Thompson, took three awards at the annual ceremony of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts .... **Page 3**

Academics fall out

The research world has been split by a dispute between physicists and astronomers who are accused of taking more than their share of resources .... **Page 4**

Heritage at risk

Exquisitely-carved cherubs and angels from a 19th-century altar at St Paul's Cathedral will be sold abroad unless £740,000 can be raised to save them for the nation .... **Page 5**

'Zealots' challenge

Martin Mears, president of the Law Society, faces a campaign by women lawyers to oust him after he said some of them were "discrimination zealots" .... **Page 8**

Israeli inquiry

Israel ordered an inquiry into the disastrous bombardment of a UN base in Lebanon which killed 102 people as international efforts led by the United States to halt the conflict continued .... **Page 9**

Mission to Liberia

The United States deployed four warships off Liberia and dispatched a diplomatic mission to try to halt the faction fighting in Monrovia, the capital .... **Page 10**

Priest in Nazi row

Abbé Pierre, the popular French champion of good causes, is under fire for defending an author who says the Holocaust has been exaggerated .... **Page 11**

Nato deadlock

Presidents Yeltsin and Clinton made headway in resolving disputes over two key arms control agreements but remained deadlocked over Nato's eastward expansion .... **Page 11**

Top tuber is smash hit with French

■ A rare variety of French potato brought back from the edge of extinction fetched the record price of £180 a pound when it went on sale at a Paris auction house at the weekend. The Bonnotte de Noirmoutier potato is regarded as the caviar of the tuber world, being grown on a bed of seaweed and planted and picked entirely by hand .... **Page 11**

JAMES MORGAN

Emma Thompson at the scene of her British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards triumph yesterday. Report, page 2

Power play: The battle to gain control of Britain's second-biggest electricity generator has entered the political arena after John Redwood, the former Tory leadership contender, said bids such as that being lined up by a US firm for National Power should be blocked . **Page 48**

Struggle's end: Another big City takeover attempt is set to end this week, with observers forecasting a victory for the bidder. Rentokil's £2.1 billion onslaught is being resisted by its target, the services combine BET .... **Page 48**

Tunnel plight: Eurotunnel, which operates the cross-Channel service, is set today to report losses that some City watchers think will approach £1 billion for 1995, the first full year of operation .... **Page 48**

Party over?: These days, positive sightings of Margaret Beckett are so rare that one fears she may soon become the subject of a David Attenborough documentary. Mary Riddell meets Labour's Trade and Industry spokeswoman ..... **Page 15**

Nuclear risk: The *Lepse* is a more menacing vessel now than she ever was when she patrolled the Atlantic as part of the Soviet Navy. Michael Binyon on the Cold War legacy haunting Russia .... **Page 14**

FOCUS

Ambitious review: As the town centre management congress opens in Coventry, a three-page special report examines plans to arrest the exodus from our city centres .... **Pages 39-41**

Royal bashing: Tony Harrison's new play for the National Theatre, *The Prince's Play*, sets Rigoletto among the naughty royals of late Victorian London .... **Page 13**

Theatrical investment: The Gabriel Fund and the Small Theatres Agreement betoken the increasingly collaborative nature of British theatre production. If you always wanted to be an angel, this is the time to start .... **Page 13**

Birthday bash: The Albert Hall platform was packed on Saturday, as some of the world's top musicians celebrated the eightieth birthday of Lord Menuhin .... **Page 13**

Sonic boom: As they confirmed in their gig at the Forum, the American group Sonic Youth are a great rock'n'roll band .... **Page 12**

London Marathon: Liz McColgan of Britain hit the front five miles from the finish to win the women's race by more than two minutes; in the men's event, Dionicio Cerón of Mexico secured his third successive victory .... **Page 25**

Snooker: Angry words in the world championship match between Ronnie O'Sullivan and the defeated Alain Robidoux of Canada yesterday rent the sport's normally hushed world .... **Page 27**

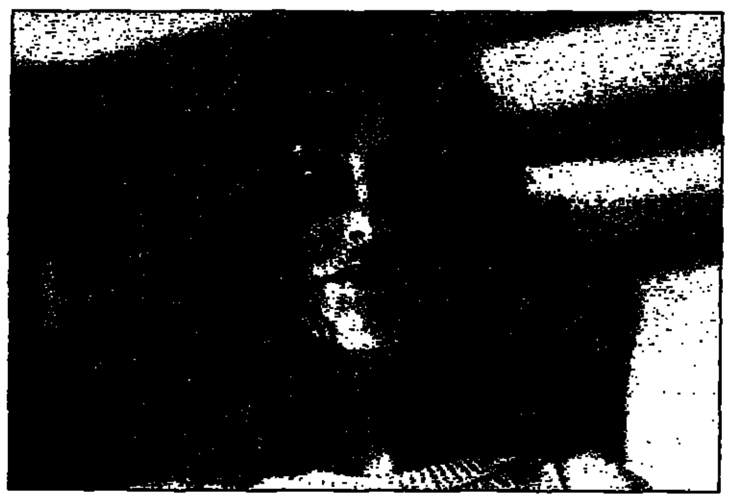
Football: Sunderland, having earned promotion to the Premier League, failed to ensure the First Division title when Stoke held them 0-0; Crystal Palace's 2-0 victory over Wolverhampton gives them the chance of the second automatic promotion spot **Pages 28, 29**

Rugby union: Leicester lost the first Sanyo Cup match against a World XV in front of a near 32,000 crowd at Twickenham. However, the club will still benefit by more than £50,000 .... **Page 37**

Equestrianism: Hugo Simon of Austria won his second showjumping World Cup in a dramatic jump-off; Nick Skelton, of Britain, finished third .... **Page 26**

Sport for all: Christian Dymond arrows in on the ancient sport of archery .... **Page 38**

9, 28, 29, 31, 40, 48. Bonues: 23. Two ticket holders share £10,370,000



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ BUSY ACTRESS
From a mega-movie like *Assassins* to a small film like *Safe*, Julianne Moore will try anything

■ LAW
Why is the Inland Revenue rewriting all 6,000 pages of tax law?

Preview: Michael Frayn offers a personal portrait of Budapest in *Omnibus*, BBC1, 10.40; **Review:** The BBC's royal birthday celebration, *Princesss to Queen*, was a surprise and a delight .... **Page 47**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Something strange is going on at the *Financial Times*. A journalists' mutiny is focusing on jobs rather than quality .... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

The case for the Major Government is largely going by default, squeezed out by the condemnation of the fashionable Left and made implausible by the stridency of Tory propagandists .... **Page 16**

MATTHEW PARRIS

There are times when a need is obvious, but when neither money nor any other kind of help seems able to meet it .... **Page 16**

Darkness in Damascus

Unless Mr Assad curbs Hezbollah, his reputation as a sponsor of terrorism and an enemy of peace stands. If he wishes to be interpreted otherwise, he must address Israel's legitimate security concerns, in Lebanon today and, ultimately, on the Golan Heights .... **Page 17**

The T-word

John Prescott told Clare Short to stick to agreed Labour policy or get out of the Shadow Cabinet, a perfectly reasonable injunction save for one awkward fact. On tax, Labour has no policy to which to stick. As one Labour spokesman has stated: "You cannot reveal a secret if it does not exist" .... **Page 17**

Christopher Robin Milne, bookshop owner; **Louis Osman**, architect and goldsmith; **Bernard Edwards**, pop musician .... **Page 19**

Labour's plans for Lords reform; hymns to comfort travellers; restoring Old Masters .... **Page 17**

An operation that Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, may have approved with electoral as well as security considerations in mind is providing mixed credits at home and heavy debits abroad

— *The Washington Post*

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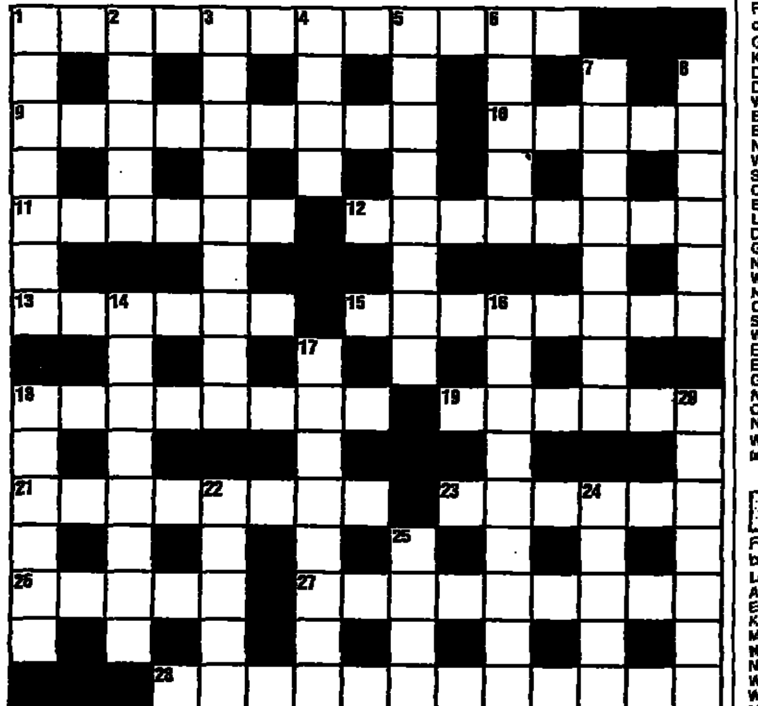

ACROSS

1 Converted ground to lawn, with major extension (4-5-3).
9 Pious teacher who's mean about examination? (9).
10 Picture that's used as cover for publication (5).
11 US agents outside pub, having returned from part of Asia (6).
12 Sticky situation in yearly business gathering covered by paper (8).
13 Vital components in means of communication (6).
15 Rejected advance incorporated in payment not forthcoming (8).
18 Widespread complaint producing unending protest in alarm (8).
19 Planned course completely in flight (6).
21 Bid higher for garment, securing first of collection (8).
23 Barmaid enters backstreet in old city (6).
26 Ruler taking venomous creature in embrace (5).
27 Cascade after burst is contained by barrier (9).
28 Top people in country delivered intelligence test (6,6).

DOWN

1 You reportedly gambol freely about – back in trouble with this? (7).
2 Woman's article below standard (5).
3 Everything I put into social event is a waste of time (9).
4 Item included by National Socialists (4).
5 Trains run true to form on the second (8).
6 Taking advantage of pleasant morning off (5).
7 Fine adjustment needed in transmitting equipment, that's apparent (8).
8 Best – or worst – of French performance (6).
14 Augment mixture with lake that's sort of grey (8).
16 Club mount get-together for old track runner (4,5).
17 Outstanding account showed effect of inflation (8).
18 Use shares to generate turnover in farming business (6).
20 Show girl's set on dramatic production (7).
22 Painter inferior to Constable as producer of oil (5).
24 Emerge victorious astride a wild animal (5).
25 Boss's workroom unfinished (4).

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ABERLOUR

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,147 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 5.50 am	Sun sets: 8.09 pm
Moon sets -	Moon rises 6.53 am

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London 8.09 pm to 5.48 am
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** cloud is expected to increase from the south, bringing rain to all parts of England and Wales except the north by midnight. Warm in most places. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy and windy with outbreaks of rain.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, Central N:** bright spells after early mist. Rain spreading from the south. Wind mostly light, southerlies, northeasterly later. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** mostly dry, sunny spells. Becoming cloudier later. Wind moderate, southerly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** cloudy but mainly dry. Wind fresh to strong, south or southwesterly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland:** cloudy with rain at times. Wind fresh, occasionally strong south or southwesterly. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** rain, slowly dying out. Wind strong to gale force, northeasterly. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **N Ireland:** rain at times, dying out from the southeast. Wind strong, southwesterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** rain in east clearing, then sunny spells. Some showers.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Anglesey	2.2	0.17	17	63	r
Aviemore	0.4	0.09	12	54	r
Belfast	-	0.37	11	52	r
Birmingham	7.7	0.04	21	70	s
Bognor R	9.0	-	17	63	s
Bournem'th	5.2	0.01	15	59	s
Bristol	6.0	0.01	18	64	sh
Buxton	4.6	0.01	20	68	s
Cardiff	3.7	0.12	15	59	r
Colwyn Bay	1.3	0.08	18	64	c
Cromer	11.7	-	23	73	s
Edinburgh	-	0.24	9	48	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.17	11	52	r
Exmouth	2.4	0.15	12	54	sh
Falmouth	6.3	0.23	17	63	r
Fishguard	6.3	0.13	16	61	sh
Folkestone	11.0	-	21	70	s
Glasgow	0.5	0.04	12	54	r
Guernsey	6.6	0.01	19	66	b
Hastings	9.9	0.01	17	63	s
Hayling I	8.4	0.01	15	59	s
Herne Bay	10.5	-	23	73	s
Hove	8.4	-	16	61	b
Hunstanton	9.6	0.11	23	73	s
Isle of Man	1.0	0.16	12	54	r
Jersey	9.3	-	20	68	s
Kinloss	X	0.05	12	54	r
Leeds	3.4	0.01	22	72	b
Lerwick	0.8	-	9	48	c
Leuchars	-	X	7	45	r
Littlehmptn	9.0	-	17	63	s
London	10.1	0.01	22	72	s
Lowestoft	11.7	-	15	59	s
Manchester	1.9	0.01	21	70	r
Margate	10.8	-	23	73	s
Minehead	4.2	0.13	17	63	sh
Morecambe	0.1	0.15	17	63	r
Newcastle	1.0	0.05	16	61	r
Newquay	5.0	0.22	15	59	sh
Norwich	11.2	-	23	73	s
Oxford	8.8	0.01	20	68	sh
Penzance	X	0.20	13	55	sh
Poole	6.2	0.04	16	61	s
Prestatyn	X	0.10	18	64	r
Ross-o-wye	6.6	0.01	19	66	sh
Salcombe	5.1	0.18	15	59	sh
Sandown	8.0	0.01	15	59	b
Saunton Snd	6.3	0.23	17	63	r
Shanklin	7.7	0.02	16	61	s
Shrewsbury	3.4	0.02	20	68	r
Southend	9.3	-	19	66	s
Southport	0.4	0.09	19	66	r
Southsea	6.1	-	15	59	s
Stornoway	1.9	0.07	8	46	r
Swanage	5.1	0.02	14	57	sh
Teignmouth	5.6	0.27	13	55	sh
Torquay	4.7	0.26	14	57	b
Tynemouth	-	-	9	48	du
Ventnor	8.2	0.01	16	61	s
Weymouth	5.4	0.03	16	61	b

ABROAD

	C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	s
Akrotiri	16	61	s
Alex'dria	19	66	c
Algiers	27	81	f
Amst'dm	23	73	t
Athens	18	64	f
B Aires	22	72	s
Bahrain	29	84	c
Barbados	30	86	f
Barcelona	18	64	s
Beirut	18	64	f
Belgrade	21	70	s
Berlin	23	73	s
Bermuda	19	66	s
Biarritz	22	72	f
Borde'x	20	68	f
Brussels	23	73	f
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Cairo	27	81	s
Cape Tn	21	70	c
C'blanca	20	68	c
Ch'church	21	70	s
Chicago	10	50	f
Cologne	26	79	f
Corfu	18	64	s
C'phagn	15	59	f
Dublin	8	46	d
Dubrovnik	18	64	s
Faro	20	68	f
Florence	24	75	s
Frankfurt	23	73	s
Funchal	21	70	s
Geneva	21	70	f
Gibraltar	17	63	c
Helsinki	13	55	s
Hong K	20	68	c
Innsbrck	22	72	s
Istanbul	11	52	sh
Jeddah	32	90	s
Jo'burg	18	64	s
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Perth	16	61	f
Prague	21	70	s
Reykjavik	5	41	s
Rhodes	18	64	s
Rio de J	23	73	f
Riyadh	32	90	c
Rome	19	66	s
S Fr'sco	13	55	c
S Paulo	19	66	c
Salzburg	22	72	s
Santiago	17	63	s
Seoul	15	59	s
Sing'por	31	88	s
St'kholm	14	57	f
Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Sydney	20	68	s
Tangier	18	64	c
Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Tenerife	23	73	f
Tokyo	11	52	f
Toronto	11	52	sh
Tunis	22	72	s
Valencia	19	66	c
Vanc'ver	10	50	c
Venice	18	64	s
Vienna	21	70	s
Warsaw	20	68	s
Wash'ton	23	73	f
Wel'ngton	16	61	f
Zurich	21	70	s

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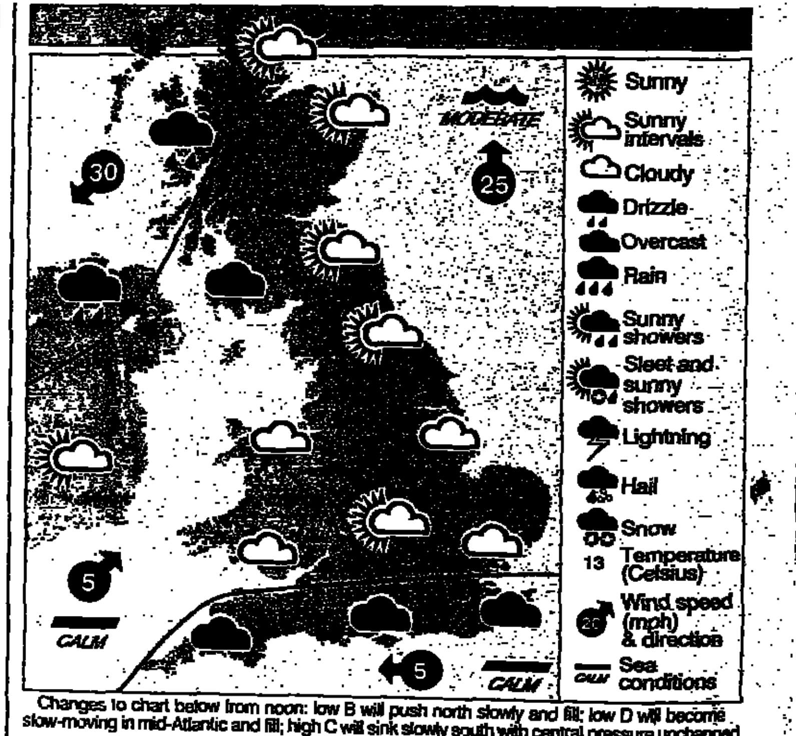

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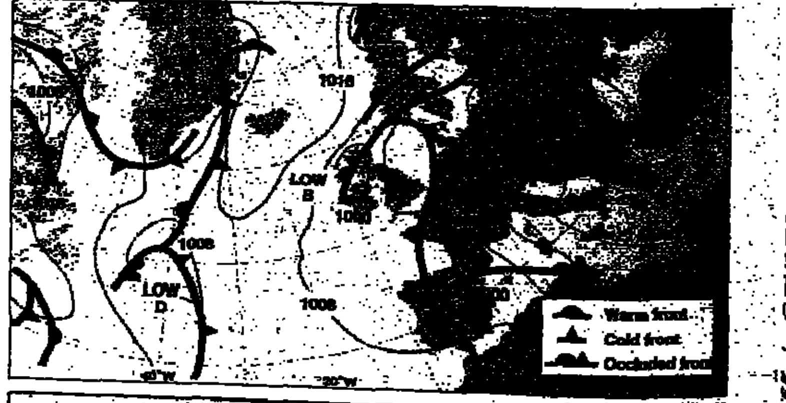

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4:16	7.1	4:30	6.9
Aberdeen	3:43	3.9	4:08	3.8
Avonmouth	9:40	12.3	9:49	12.1
Belfast	1:43	3.5	2:09	3.3
Cardiff	9:39	11.2	9:48	11.1
Devonport	8:07	5.0	8:15	5.1
Dover	1:29	6.5	1:49	6.4
Dublin (N Wall)	1:53	3.8	2:24	3.7
Falmouth	7:45	4.6	8:07	4.7
Greenock	2:53	3.5	3:24	3.3
Harwich	2:08	3.8	2:24	3.7
Holyhead	0:33	5.3	12:58	5.1
Hull (Albert D)	8:42	6.9	9:07	6.7
Ilfracombe	8:32	8.7	8:44	8.6
King's Lynn	8:49	6.3	9:10	6.0
Leith	5:04	5.1	5:32	5.1
Liverpool	1:29	8.9	1:53	8.7
Lowestoft	11:59	2.3	-	-
Margate	2:33	4.6	2:45	4.5
Milford Haven	8:45	6.4	8:58	6.3
Newquay	7:36	6.2	7:54	6.1
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Shoreham	1:37	5.9	2:01	5.8
Southampton	1:05	4.3	1:24	4.2
Swansea	8:50	8.8	9:00	8.7
Tees	6:09	5.0	6:34	4.9
Walton-on-Naze	2:04	4.1	2:20	3.9

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Weybourne, Norfolk, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Orsay, Strathclyde, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, and Lowestoft, Sussex, 11.7hr.

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